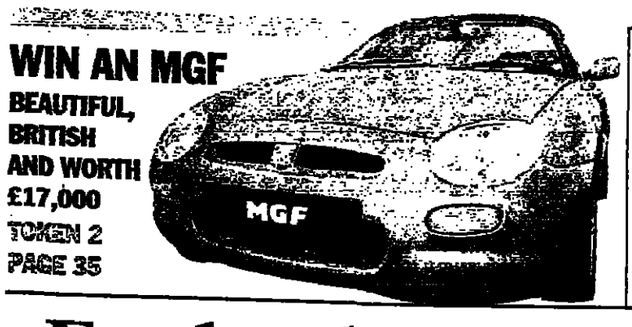
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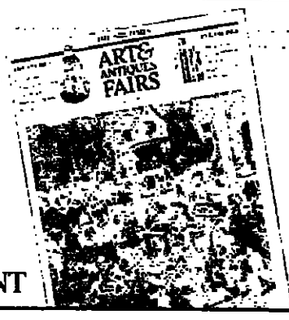
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England culprits and innocent share blame for jet fracas



Venables: fined players

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE Football Association last night fined the entire England squad for the damage caused to a jumbo jet during a drinks party on the return flight from Hong Kong last week.

No individuals were blamed for the smashing of two television sets and a table on the Cathay Pacific flight as the 22-man squad accepted "collective responsibility".

Last night the airline said "a full and final settlement for damage to on-board equipment" on the jet had been agreed, to be paid by the FA "as soon as the final bill is prepared". The cost is believed to be about £5,000.

But MPs immediately condemned the FA for its refusal to name and expel the players responsible from the squad for the opening game of the 16-nation European Championship, which begins at Wembley on Saturday.

After a face-to-face inquiry at their Burnham Beeches hotel, Terry Venables, the England coach, said: "The matter is now being dealt with internally — financial penalties will be imposed. The players express their sincere regret."

With security guards and police keeping the media away from the squad yesterday, Venables added: "Three of the players were very angry that they had taken the blame publicly — and without justification they believe. They told me they were seeking legal advice on compensation for the harm to their reputations." The players are believed to be Paul Gascoigne, Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman.

Eric Hall, a leading soccer agent, said: "I'm amazed. It reminds me of the film *Spartacus*. All these people standing up saying 'I'm Spartacus', 'I'm Spartacus', 'I'm Spartacus'." In the film, Spartacus is saved from punishment by his fellow slaves who, to a man, offer to take punishment on his behalf.

Mr Hall said: "The responsibility for the behaviour of two or three people is being taken by the whole squad. The culprits should stand up."

David Wilshire, the Conservative MP for Spelthorne, described the inquiry as a cover-up. "We have not been told who was responsible, nor how much they were fined. Information should have been forthcoming so that the police could have made a decision on whether a prosecution might have been warranted. This attitude is what I would have expected from the FA. They do not want to damage England's chances, however many hooligans they have in the team."

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP for North-East Fife and former captain of the British athletics team, said the affair had been "lamentably" mishandled. "This is a very unsatisfactory ending to an incident which has done the England team great damage. Collective responsibility may conceal the particular individuals involved but it may also have the effect of devaluing the whole squad."

John Carlisle, the vice-chairman of the backbench Conservative Sports Committee, said: "At least they have accepted that damage was done and damage to the England reputation. Let us hope that the fines were substantial and not derisory."

Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said: "It seems as if our players are as bad as our fans. It does not bode well for Euro 96 as far as England is concerned."

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Hillsborough police win £1.2m damages

BY STEWART TENDLER AND FRANCES GIBB

FOURTEEN police officers are to receive a total of £1.2 million in agreed damages for mental trauma suffered as a result of rescuing football fans during the Hillsborough disaster seven years ago.

Last night, relations of the 96 fans who died in the crowd crush at the Leppings Lane end of the Sheffield Wednesday ground criticised the awards. Some were refused damages for post-traumatic stress after a legal test case five years ago. Offers as low as £2,000 for the loss of relations were made.

Five of the South Yorkshire officers have retired because of ill health and each will get five-figure sums; other officers will be given amounts depending on the level of injury. Legal costs for the case are estimated at £200,000.

Awards for post-traumatic stress were made to police officers after the Bradford City football ground fire in 1985, but the awards agreed yesterday are the highest so far. Another 23 other officers are going to the Court of Appeal next month to argue that they also are eligible for awards.

Simon Allen, lawyer for the 13 men and one woman, said the settlement was finalised outside court an hour before a judge was due to hear arguments on the awards. Insurers for the South Yorkshire Police, the football club and its engineers admitted liability last year. He said the 13 constables and a sergeant went into the crowd pens at Hillsborough to try to save the crushed fans.

The shock and stress of the disaster had affected officers' family lives, he added. Some had drunk excessively. "The sad part is these symptoms continue seven years later. I cannot say any of them have got to the suicidal stage, but they have been in a very poor mental state for some time and continue to be so."

Mr Allen said some officers had been declared unemployable by psychiatrists because of their mental suffering. Mr Allen added: "Members of the emergency services are no different from anyone else in that when their emotions are subjected to the gruesome scenes of a tragedy such as Hillsborough, they are likely to be mentally affected."

Trevor Hicks, of Long Preston, North Yorkshire, chairman of the Hillsborough Families' Support Group, who lost his two daughters, Sarah, 19, and Victoria, 15, in the tragedy said: "I'm gutted and I've had several families on to me who are appalled.

"We accept that these police officers are human beings and they have human emotions the same as anyone else. But it's fair and reasonable that members of the emergency services can expect that with the job goes a degree of this type of problem. The scale might have been bigger with Hillsborough, but that's not the point. These officers chose to be police officers. We did not choose to be victims."

Joan Traynor, who lost two sons in the disaster, called the settlement outrageous. She said: "They will also have their pensions and everything else, won't they? We have got nothing at all."

> "I cannot say any of them have got to the suicidal stage, but they have been in a very poor mental state"
> *The lawyer for the police*

In 1991, the House of Lords ruled that relations were entitled to compensation only for the death of the fans unless they could prove they had a close emtional relationship with the victim and were at the game. Watching the disaster scene unfold on television and seeing their relatives being crushed against the crowd barriers did not create enough stress.

The Hillsborough claim has been keenly watched by other members of the emergency services and the armed forces who believe it may pave the way to similar claims. The successful claim by the police officers has widened the present test, opening the way to claims by people for trauma incurred in the course of their jobs.

At present there are strict tests about who can claim, depending chiefly on the House of Lords ruling in the claims for post-traumatic stress brought by the Hillsborough relations where guidelines were set out.

The law lords' ruling made clear that a claimant must be able to show the defendant could have foreseen the disaster and was at fault in not taking adequate safety precautions. The claimant must also show that the mental trauma was caused by witnessesing the event.

Last year, however, the Law Commission proposed that claimants should no longer have to be physically close in time and space to the disaster, nor to have witnessed it physically. It said that the present tests are too restrictive and arbitrary.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Samantha Barker, of Sotheby's, with an amorino, or Cupid, by Antonio Canova, found in a West Country garden. It is to be sold by Sotheby's on July 4. Page 5

Brown wins fight to scrap some child benefits

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID BLUNKETT, the Shadow Education Secretary, is proposing that youngsters be given up to £20 a week to encourage them to stay on at school as part of the Labour scheme to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18-year olds.

Gordon Brown has won the battle in principle to abolish child benefit for older teenagers despite an initial Labour party backlash over the move. But Shadow Cabinet Ministers are split over how the estimated £600 million saving should be reallocated to help children of poorer families to stay on at school.

Mr Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, Mr Blunkett and Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Minister, are now reviewing how best to target resources on education for the over 16-year-olds. Only two options are under serious consideration. Mr Blunkett favours giving the "education allowance" directly to youngsters aged between 16 and 18. But Mr Smith argues that the money should continue to go to mothers of poorer families to help them with food and accommodation costs at home while their children remain in full-time education. Under both options the allowance is expected to rise significantly from the present child benefit of £10.80 to about £20 a week. But shadow ministers point out that the sum will depend on the savings made; the higher the allowance, the fewer people will receive it.

Mr Brown, who is said to be backing Mr Smith, was criticised by some Shadow Cabinet colleagues six weeks ago when he floated the idea of scrapping child benefit to provide extra cash to help youngsters to stay on at school.

The Tories immediately seized on the confusion and have exploited the "child tax" plan ever since. But Mr Brown now has the backing, in principle, of both Mr Blunkett and Mr Smith to abolish the benefit for older children.

They believe they can win Shadow Cabinet support if they can devise a scheme that is not too complex to administer and not too expensive to deliver. Tony Blair has already given his tacit approval.

The Labour leadership has also written to all constituencies, asking for their views on how the money saved from scrapping child benefit should best be spent to counter complaints that Mr Brown had not

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Redwood ahead

John Redwood has overtaken Michael Portillo as the standard bearer of the Tory Right in the public's ranking of possible successors to John Major, a MORI poll for *The Times* has found ..... Page 9

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EU shift over beef ban

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR AND CHARLES BREMNER IN LUXEMBOURG

EUROPEAN farm ministers voted last night by nine to six to lift the ban on British beef derivatives, but the vote was not enough to automatically lift the EU embargo.

Spain was the only state which had changed sides from the previous seven - eight vote last month. Ministers were to resume negotiations late last night in the knowledge that the Commmission would enforce the measure if they failed to get an overall majority.

Earlier, Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, had announced that farmers and suppliers wouldw face fines of up to £5,000 if they keep suspect animal feed, which could spread BSE, beyond the end of next month.

Mr Hogg, was in Luxembourg to get the ban on tallow, gelatine and bull semen lifted.



At the same time it emerged that an early lifting of the export bans on beef from specialist herds and sales to countries outside the European Union is being sought by Britain as the price for ending its campaign of obstruction in Brussels. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Hogg will begin at meetings today in Berlin and Brussels to spell out a "framework" deal which they hope can be agreed swiftly to avoid chaos at the Florence summit later this month.

The ministers will call on the EU countries to lift the ban in three sectors.

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Oftel cuts BT's home bills by up to £8 a year

BY PAUL DURMAN

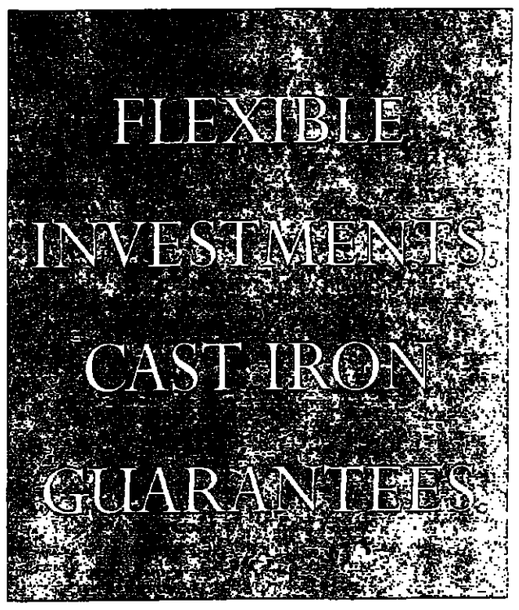
DOMESTIC BT telephone subscribers will pay up to £8 less a year under new pricing controls laid down by Oftel, the industry regulator.

The amount by which BT can raise prices for residential as well as small business customers will be capped to inflation less 4.5 per cent for the four years from August next year. With inflation now at 2.5 per cent, this means a price cut for about 16 million households who pay less than £70 a quarter and form the great majority of BT's domestic customers.

Consumer watchdogs gave a guarded welcome to the plans, but Ruth Evans, the National Consumer Council's director, said: "For too long, business customers have benefited far more than domestic customers from price reductions. We want to see a one-off cut in residential bills to restore the balance and to return some of BT's excessive profits to domestic customers."

The Consumers' Association claimed that the regulator's refusal to limit pay-phone charges was a "slap in the face" for low-income customers who had no phones of their own.

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Bogan: fighting on single issue

Law Society faces bitter election battle as two challenge Mears for presidency

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN MEARS, the president of the Law Society, will face two challenges to his leadership in next month's elections, one from the ranks of his own supporters.

Anthony Bogan, a recently elected council member, yesterday declared he would challenge the president, whom he had formerly supported, arguing that the Law Society's regulatory and trades union roles should be split. Tony Girling, a long-standing council member who is currently deputy vice-president, is also expected today to announce his candidacy, with two other council members, Phillip Sycamore and Michael Mathews, as running mates.

The emergence of the candidates to lead the solicitors' professional body, which is riven by strife, will ensure a bitterly fought election.

The contest, to run over three weeks from mid-June, when ballot papers are sent out to the 65,000-strong profession, is expected to be close: Mr Mears has wide backing in the rank-and-file, particularly in small firms. But Mr Bogan, who similarly comes from a small general practice, will hope to cream off some of his supporters.

Yesterday Mr Bogan, 38, who defeated a long-standing Law Society council member when he stood last year for the Surrey seat, said he was standing on behalf of his newly formed Solicitors Association, which had 650 supporters. "I support most of what Mr Mears stands for. But I don't believe he can possibly achieve his objectives within the existing constitutional constraints of the Law Society."

His was a single-issue campaign: "There is a conflict between the roles of the society in representing the profession and in protecting the public and until those core functions are separated, no one is going to succeed in helping the small practitioner." He said the society's roles should be divided along the lines of the medical profession with separate trade union and regulatory bodies.

Mr Girling, 52, senior partner with his own 23-partner firm in Canterbury, has strong support on the Law Society council and hopes to secure the crucial vote of City solicitors with his team-mate, Mr Mathews, coming from a City law firm. He is holding a press conference to outline his manifesto today.

Yesterday Mr Mears said that any challenge had to be taken seriously, but he believed Mr Bogan was living in a "fantasy world". "Even if what he wants were desirable, it would take a two-thirds majority of the Law Society council, which he has no hope of getting; then two-thirds support at an annual general meeting, an amendment to the Royal Charter and probably an Act of Parliament. The whole thing could take five years to try to force through, with no hope of success."

He said that there was nothing that the Law Society, in its existing shape, could not do for the profession that a body stripped of its regulatory functions could do. "There is no conflict between the public interest and enlightened self-interest of the profession. That is what being a professional is: putting the client first."



Mears: believes Bogan unrealistic

Shamed MP faces battle for survival in his Welsh seat

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND ALICE THOMSON

ROD RICHARDS, who resigned as a junior minister over allegations of an extra-marital affair, is facing a growing campaign to oust him as an MP at the next election.

Opinion has hardened among Tory activists in the North Wales seaside constituency of Clwyd North West against Mr Richards, aged 49, a father of three who has been married for 21 years.

Mr Richards, who listed the "family" as one of his interests in *Who's Who*, is said by one executive officer of his local Conservative association to be "fighting for his political life".

The MP was a supporter of the ill-fated "Back to Basics" campaign.

The Tory association, which has more than 2,000 members, is dominated by retired people. Their views could be decisive in Mr Richards's battle for survival.

Almost half the voters in the constituency are aged over 55. They do not like adultery, one official said.

Some local party officials were openly calling on him to stand down yesterday. A father and son, both prominent Tory councillors, are leading the campaign.

Mr Richards resigned on Sunday as a junior minister in the Welsh Office hours after reports of a liasion with a public relations executive 20 years his junior appeared in the *News of the World*.

Downing Street announced yesterday that Jonathan Evans, one of only six Welsh Tory MPs, was being moved from from the Lord Chancellor's Department to take up the vacated position at the Welsh Office. The announcement from Downing Street came after the Prime Minister had a 40-minute conversation with Alastair Goodlad, the Government Chief Whip.

Mr Evans, the MP for Brecon and Radnor, has been piloting the contentious Family Law Bill through the Commons.

He is replaced by Gary Streeter who was the Government whip on the Bill. Mr Streeter is respected by Tory rebels who have threatened to scupper the legislation.

Colin Drake, chairman of Clwyd North West Conservative Association, was expected to cut short a holiday in the United States to handle the disquiet within the Clwyd North West Tory association. Mr Richards has sought an urgent meeting with the association.

Ray Formstone, 75, leader of the Tory group on the local Conwy County Borough, a new unitary authority, said: "People have been stopping me in the street and saying, 'It's disgusting. It's not good enough.'

We have an elderly population here who regard family values, which Mr Richards apparently used to believe in, as very important. There is no excuse for this kind of behaviour. Mr Richards may pretend that everyone does it but they certainly don't here.

"We were proud of having a minister as our MP. Not now. We will have a meeting to review the position. He was reselected a few months ago. But that is not set in concrete."

Neil Formstone, 38, his son, who is also a councillor, said: "There is anger and resentment among the party members who trudged the streets to get Rod Richards elected. They have been betrayed. If I was chairman of the executive committee I would be saying to Mr Richards, 'So long. Think of another career outside politics'.

"This is the Costa del Wrinkly. The elderly folk who predominate don't like adultery. This could haunt us right up to polling day, which is probably now only a few months away.

"We have a majority of less than 7,000, which is the safest Tory seat in Wales, but the local Labour party think this is a marginal if Rod Richards fights the seat for us. MPs have to be above scrutiny. I think we should be looking for a new candidate to fight the election."

Mr Richards's resignation is the 16th by a minister or parliamentary aide over allegations concerning "improper" sexual or business affairs during the course of the current Parliament.

Sue Gillett, the Tory agent, said: "Mr Richards has requested an opportunity to discuss the situation with the executive council. This will be arranged when the full picture emerges.

"Rod Richards's prompt resignation has damaged a promising career and deprived the local area of a powerful and effective advocate at Ministerial level."

Jonathan Evans, the new Welsh office minister, interviewed on BBC Radio 4's World at One yesterday, said: "Rod Richards and his family have not only been constituents of mine, but friends of mine for very many years. My thoughts are with them at this moment in time, and I'm not going to comment further."

Only days before the story broke the Welsh Language Society handed Mr Richards a card urging him to resign because of his failure to communicate with officers in Welsh.

Edgar Lewis, the education director of Denbyshire local authority, is considering legal action against Mr Richards after he was accused of lying on a television programme.

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MARTYN HAYHOW



Mr Richards leaving home yesterday after telling a television crew to get out

Richards shows the strain

THE strain was beginning to show on Mr Richards and his wife Liz yesterday (Carol Midgley writes). The former minister reacted angrily when asked to comment outside his home in Richmond, southwest London, as he took his son and daughter to school.

"Get out of my son's way, you will regret this," he shouted at a television crew following him to his car. Mrs Richards, a psychologist specialising in the care of mentally handicapped children, looked pale and bowed her head as she was driven away from the flat at lunchtime by a female friend. She declined to comment.

Her mother, Elvira Knight, who spent the Spring Bank Holiday with the family, said: "There have been no problems in their marriage. My daughter adores Rod and I always thought it was mutual."

Julia Felthouse, the 28-year-old divorcée with whom Mr Richards had formed a relationship, was absent from her flat in Fulham, west London, yesterday. She has not been seen since the revelations appeared in the *News of the World*, but there is speculation that she may have given them the story, having signed a deal with the newspaper in return for being able to speak through "a friend".

Her mother said from her home in Teignmouth, Devon: "She won't be talking to anyone. I'll be speaking to her later, but I am not saying where she is."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Unionists insist on tough line over talks

John Major was told last night that he would face a Unionist backlash if he allowed Sinn Fein to take part in Northern Ireland peace talks before the IRA declared a ceasefire. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, called on the Prime Minister to withstand growing pressure to allow Gerry Adams into the negotiations even if the IRA did not call a truce.

He told Mr Major during a Downing Street meeting that Unionists would be angered by any attempt to offer concessions to Sinn Fein over the ceasefire or on the issue of the destruction of weapons. He also repeated an earlier threat that Unionist support in the Commons would be in jeopardy if the Government backed down on its demands for an unequivocal ceasefire or on decommissioning.

Water prices pegged

Yorkshire Water agreed to peg prices to the rate of inflation after a report by Ian Byatt, Director-General of the Office of Water Services, accused it of "serious failures" to control leaks, tackle supply breakdowns and deal with floods from sewers. The company, which is now under new management, said that it accepted the regulator's criticisms. It had already set aside £170 million to further ensure supplies after last year's droughts. The measures would cut the company's income by £40 million over the next three years.

RAF change of heart

An unnamed RAF servicewoman who applied for a compassionate discharge when told she could be posted away from her family after giving birth to twin boys is to be allowed to stay with her husband at RAF Laarbruch in Germany. The change comes after an industrial tribunal awarded £10,000 compensation to Caroline Vine, 27, a former RAF engineer who was posted 300 miles from her four-month-old baby. A spokesman said yesterday that each case was treated on its merits.

Medical research crisis

Doctor-training and medical research are at crisis point because of the Government's spending cuts and pressure of work, the British Medical Association said yesterday. Dr Colin Smith, chairman of the association's academic staffs committee, said university funding was so low that without a major change it would be impossible to continue medical undergraduate training in its present form. Last month university vice-chancellors said that patients' lives were at risk because of cuts in medical training.

Foot's nephew injured

Oliver Foot, nephew of the former Labour leader Michael Foot, is recovering in hospital after being critically injured in a motorcycle accident. The former actor and director has a broken neck and is partially paralysed, according to his brother, the journalist Paul Foot. "Oliver was going out to get breakfast two weeks ago in London and he came off his bike." A family friend said: "It seems that he collided with a bus and then hit a wall." He is expected to be fitted with a cast to enable him to walk while his bones fuse.

Coldest May since 1923

Last month was the coldest May for 73 years and the third chilliest this century, the London Weather Centre said yesterday. The average temperature in England and Wales was 9.3C (49F) — 2C below average. In Scotland, the temperature was 1.6C below average. However, sunshine was 99 per cent of the average. Rainfall in England and Wales was 89 per cent of normal at 57mm while in Scotland it was 90 per cent of average at 55mm. Forecast, page 24

Sinking investigation

A £2 million investigation into the sinking of the *Derbyshire*, which was lost with all 42 British crew and two wives off Japan in 1980, will begin with an unmanned submarine examining the wreckage of the bulk carrier in late June or early July. It will pave the way for the main expedition next year lasting up to eight weeks, which will be the most ambitious and hazardous exploration of a sea wreck ever attempted.

Spaghetti beach plan

Birmingham City Council is planning to construct a 2,400 square metre gravel beach at the point where three canals dating back almost 200 years, the River Tame and two railway lines meet beneath the M6 "Spaghetti Junction". Jim Quinn, a council planning officer, hopes that Birmingham will get £100,000 of European grant aid for the canal-side regeneneration programme at Salford Junction, one of 30 approved by British Waterways.

Labour and benefits

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consulted widely enough on the move. Mr Blunkett argues that the money should be given to young people aged 16 to 18 in order to help to promote individual responsibility and provide an incentive to get them to stay on at school. Eighty per cent of children whose parents are unskilled leave school at 16, according to a report by the Institute of Fiscal Studies.

The youngsters will get the money only if they enroll and stay on at school: this can be checked by regular monitoring and by paying the cash monthly or by the term.

Labour education sources point out that since 16-year-olds are treated as adults if they leave school, those in education should be treated similarly. Those on youth training programmes, for example, are given allowances and decide for themselves how best to spend their money.

However, Mr Smith, who was furious that Mr Brown had not consulted him over the initial proposal, believes that the mother should be given the discretion on what the money is spent on, as is the case with the child benefit allowance. That would soften the backlash of abolishing child benefit, as less well off families could get higher payments.

"Several mothers already give the equivalent of child benefit to their teenage children in pocket money," one party source pointed out.

But social security sources said that if the money were given to youngsters it could be used on drugs or alcohol.

The review team has discarded the notion of docking child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds who are at public schools while retaining it for those in the state system.

Thornton departs Catholic papers

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CLIVE THORNTON, former chief executive of Abbey National and the Mirror Group, departed abruptly yesterday as chairman of Gabriel Communications, publisher of *The Universe* and *The Catholic Times*.

His decision to retire "to concentrate on his many other personal interests" took the Roman Catholic community by surprise and has again highlighted the tensions between its liberal and conservative factions. He will be replaced by John Moore, a member of the company's board since 1986.

Under Mr Thornton, *The Catholic Times*, launched in 1993, has steered a conservative line, urging loyalty to the Pope and to papal teaching. Its motto is "Follow Peter" and it has been criticised within the Church as quarrelsome and confrontational.

Some liberals have seen it as undermining the authority of the bishops and of sowing the seeds of disunity. "The bishops would argue that there is more room for debate and inquiry than is often apparent in *The Catholic Times*," a Church insider said. "The bishops would prefer to see a Catholic paper that represents more of a contemporary ecclesiology."

The paper and its more free-thinking rival, *The Tablet*, have each blamed the other in past weeks for damaging the Church's public image.

Cattle feed fines

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has been no incidence of BSE.

☐ **Exports** to third countries, so that countries, such as South Africa, which have said they want British beef can have it.

☐ A **complete** lifting of the export ban on newly-born calves — those born since new anti-BSE restrictions have been put in place.

According to ministerial sources signs from European leaders that they are prepared to move in some or all of those areas will be strongly welcomed in London and could persuade the Government to lift its campaign of non-cooperation.

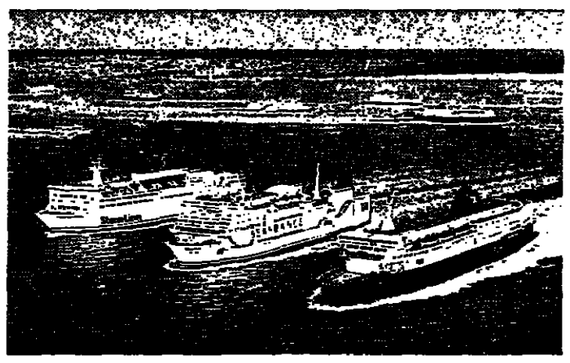
Britain continued to torpedo European business yesterday with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, scuppering a measure to curb fraud in EU finances. He had not felt the slightest embarrassment in applying the beef block, he said. But the British vetoes drew sharp condemnation from ministers and two European Commissioners. Ivan Yates, the Irish Farm Minister, who has been trying to broker a compromise over the beef affair, said there was a risk that annoyance with Britain could soon make EU partners "as blindy minded as the British". Karel van Miert, the Commissioner for competition and one of the most senior figures in Brussels, denounced British policy as incoherent.

The decision to criminalise the possession of livestock feed containing animal remains was the latest effort by Mr Hogg to convince the rest of Europe of the effectiveness of Britain's anti-BSE measures.

A system of "cattle passports" is to be introduced on July 1 to make it easier to trace animals' movements and history.

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Prince's close friend paralysed after fall from clinic window

By Emma Wilkins

LADY TRYON, one of the Prince of Wales's closest friends, has been paralysed from the shoulders down after she fell out of a window at a rehabilitation clinic, her son said yesterday.

Charles Tryon, 21, who visited his mother, an Australian-born fashion designer, with his sister Zoe, 22, fears that she may not be able to walk again.

"I am 90 per cent sure she will be OK, but it is likely she will be in a wheelchair," he said. "It will be terrible for her as she is so active. I would rather be dead than be put in that position.

"She doesn't look herself, she has a terrified expression on her face," he added.

Lord Tryon, 56, a merchant banker, said it was too early to tell if the paralysis would be permanent. His wife had been suffering recently from depression but would not wish to take her life, he said.

Lady Tryon, whom the Prince nicknamed Kanga, has endured a lifelong battle against back pain and, for the past three years, uterine cancer which spread to her kidneys. During her childhood she suffered from spina bifida and did not walk until she was aged nine. Three operations on her back included surgery to rebuild the top of her spine with cow bones, which involved surgeons working through her throat.

The last operation was in 1993 but within four months tests showed that Lady Tryon was suffering from cancer. Her immediate reaction was "Oh what a bore after getting through everything else", she told a newspaper.



Lord Tryon: too early to tell if wife will walk

She was given the all-clear five months ago but was recently admitted to Farm Place, a rehabilitation clinic near Dorking, Surrey, suffering from depression.

"Our main worry is that she will be unable to walk. Her spine is fractured, which is a big worry," Lord Tryon said. "The doctors have told me that they won't know about permanent paralysis for a few days.

"Her head is quite badly injured but the doctors don't seem to concerned about that," he added.

"It's true that she was suffering from depression brought on by exhaustion from all the problems she's been through. But I can think of no reason why she would want to harm herself. The cancer has gone now. She is a great character and we just hope she'll fight through again."

Lady Tryon, 48, who also has twins Edward and Victoria, aged 16, was being treated at the clinic where the Countess of Spencer has received treatment for emotional problems. She fell from a first-floor window on Friday. The clinic declined to comment on how the fall happened or its safety measures.

Farm Place is a private clinic which is registered by the East Surrey Health Authority and inspected twice each year. The most recent inspection was on January 9. There is no requirement by law that clinics' windows should have locks.

Lady Tryon, who launched her own fashion label — Kanga — in 1983, is in a critical but stable condition at a neuro-surgical unit at Atkinson Morley's Hospital in Wimbledon, southwest London. She is being kept sedated and immobile to prevent further spine damage and will also have a brain scan.

The Prince, who is godfather to the couple's eldest son, Charles, has sent the family a message of sympathy, Lord Tryon, 56, said.

The Prince first met the young Dale Harper, as she then was, at a teenage school dance in Melbourne in 1966 during his spell at the city's Geelong Grammar School. Over the years they developed a deep friendship. He once said she was "the only woman who really understands me".

DAVID HARTLEY



Lady Tryon, who was admitted to clinic suffering from depression. She successfully fought spina bifida in childhood and, more recently, cancer



With the Prince of Wales, who said that only she understood him



Two of Lady Tryon's four children, who believe she will recover

Tycoon in death crash 'was driving too fast'

By A Staff Reporter

A MILLIONAIRE textiles tycoon and his three teenage children died in a holiday road crash because he was probably driving too fast, an inquest was told yesterday.

Efrain Rottman, 44, of Highgate, north London, had taken only 17 minutes to cover the 10½ miles from the ski resort of Isola, in the French Alps, to St Honore, where his Range Rover plunged 30ft into a river in December 1994. The journey, down a steep and wet road, should have taken more than 20 minutes, Brian Stone, a coroner's officer, told the inquest in St Albans.

Mr Rottman, his children Daniel, 18, Nicole, 17, Guy 13, and a family friend, Sarah Hall, 23, all died instantly.

The Coroner, Edward Thomas, discounted French pathology reports suggesting that Mr Rottman could have suffered a heart attack or epileptic fit. A medical examination shortly before his holiday had pronounced him "very fit".

His wife, Marsha, who did not go on the skiing holiday, was not at the inquest.

Verdict: accidental death.

Neighbours feuding since miners' strike must each pay £75

By Michael Horsnell

A FEUD between a village policeman and a miner, which began with the 1984 pit strike, ended ignominiously yesterday when a judge accused both neighbours of embroidering the truth.

Judge Kamil awarded the embattled litigants only £75 each in a case that will cost the taxpayer a five-figure sum in legal aid.

The judge dismissed numerous claims and counter-claims by PC Arthur Horne and Bill Wright, a retired miner, at the end of a case that began a year ago at Leeds County Court.

PC Horne, 46, and his wife Julie, 45, claimed Mr Wright and his wife Mollie had poisoned their rottweiler dog Jet, trained lights and a video camera on their home in Kirby, West Yorkshire, and continually harassed them.

The officer said he and his wife were assaulted by Mr and Mrs Wright's son Anthony, 40, after a television programme called *Scab* in 1986. He claimed he was branded a scab for inviting strikers into his home and spearheading a back-to-work movement. The policemen's superiors were said to have been continually investigating a string of bogus complaints against him.

Mr Wright, 63, and his wife, 58, said that the Hornes used a listening device through the partition wall, started a poster campaign claiming they had killed the dog, and poisoned sacks of vegetables with weedkiller.

Judge Kamil said facts had been "embroidered and distorted" and found there were only two instances of true nuisance and harassment throughout the saga. Mr Wright caused a nuisance to the Hornes by repeatedly singing and whistling the Max Bygraves song *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*.

PC Horne had harassed Mr Wright, he said, by repeatedly following him home from a working men's club and waving a stick at him. The feud was "six of one and half a dozen of the other", the judge said. "I'm satisfied that evidence has been greatly distorted with the passage of time and retelling of facts."

The court had been told that the trouble started in 1984 when Mr Wright and his son Anthony, who lives opposite, were on strike.

PC Horne alleged that they called him "vermin", "rubbish" and a "black bastard", referring to his uniform. From then on the families did not speak to each other and the relationship deteriorated.

The judge could find no evidence that the Wrights were responsible for the death of the dog or the lights and camera. He could also find no evidence that the Hornes had installed a listening device to eavesdrop on the Wrights.

The Hornes' case was funded by the Police Federation. Richard Critchley, its local secretary, said the result had entirely vindicated the Hornes, who had instigated the case mainly because of allegations about the listening device.

Outside court Mrs Wright, a Wakefield councillor, said: "We didn't bring this case in the first place and our relationship with them is still the same as it was in 1984. They don't speak to us and we don't speak to them."

Jew sues M&S over kosher job bar

By Robin Young

A JEWISH food technologist banned from applying for a job with Marks & Spencer because she could not eat pork or shellfish took the retailer to an industrial tribunal yesterday claiming religious discrimination.

Rosemary Hoffman, 51, told a hearing in Bedford that in a brief telephone interview in October 1994 she was informed that it was a job requirement that she could eat all foods.

Mrs Hoffman, from Wembley, north London, said: "I explained that there were foods I could not eat for religious reasons." She said she was then told her application could not proceed.

Mrs Hoffman told the tribunal she had many years experience in food technology but had never been asked to taste food before. In her experience the job was to ensure the health, hygiene and safety of products, not their palatability.

Dr Thomas Clayton, of the M&S prepared foods department, said the ability to taste all foods was essential. "It is a fundamental part of the job."

The case continues today.

Cantona talks of his contempt for hooligan

By A Staff Reporter

THE footballer Eric Cantona has spoken of his contempt for the abusive soccer fan he attacked last year.

In an interview published in *Hello!* magazine he tells of the effects the affair had on his family and how their support carried him through. But his most telling comments are directed at Matthew Simmons, who ended up in jail in the fall-out from the incident at Crystal Palace 16 months ago.

"The hooligan? His behaviour shows he's not all together," he said. "I don't want to talk too much about him, that would give him too much importance. He's one of those antisocial types who are driven by a need to provoke. It's the only way to have people talk about them, to exist, to pretend with their pals in the pubs when they don't sell their stories to the tabloids."

The Manchester United star said of the clash: "The hardest thing was having to put up with the endless comments, the swift judgments, the resounding criticism. My family were quite shocked but they were also there.

"Every time I go through this kind of experience, I react the same way. First I feel like going away, forgetting it all. Very quickly pride, and maybe a deep sense of honour, urges me to take action. Then I can stand tall and face up to it," he said. "I'm not that easily beaten. Then you have the kids to keep in mind. They're my strength."

Cantona was interviewed while relaxing with wife, Isabelle, and children, Raphael and Josephine, at his parents' converted farmhouse in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence.

Asked about his punishments — he was sentenced to 120 hours of community service, fined by the FA and banned from playing for eight months — — he said: "The easiest part was the community service. I was entrusted to take care of several hundred children from a rough neighbourhood. Well, I had to do it, but I wanted to go further.



Cantona: his family were his strength

"I devoted myself to these kids, which has improved the rapport with the club. I hope I did bring some light into their lives. As for Manchester United, you know we made up for it this year, I'd set my heart on it. I owed it to them."

Cantona, speaking on his thirtieth birthday, also talked of his fear of death. "The strange thing is that I have this nagging feeling that I'm going to suddenly disappear. I guess we're all a bit like that ... we are all afraid of leaving before having had the chance to show our loved ones we've tried to give them our best."

He said he reacted "serenely" to being left out of the French squad for the European Championships. "I think many French board members believed I was dead after the Crystal Palace affair. But I wasn't altogether dead and as I came back to life, they did everything in their power to see me die a second time, and fast. But we'll see who dies in the end."

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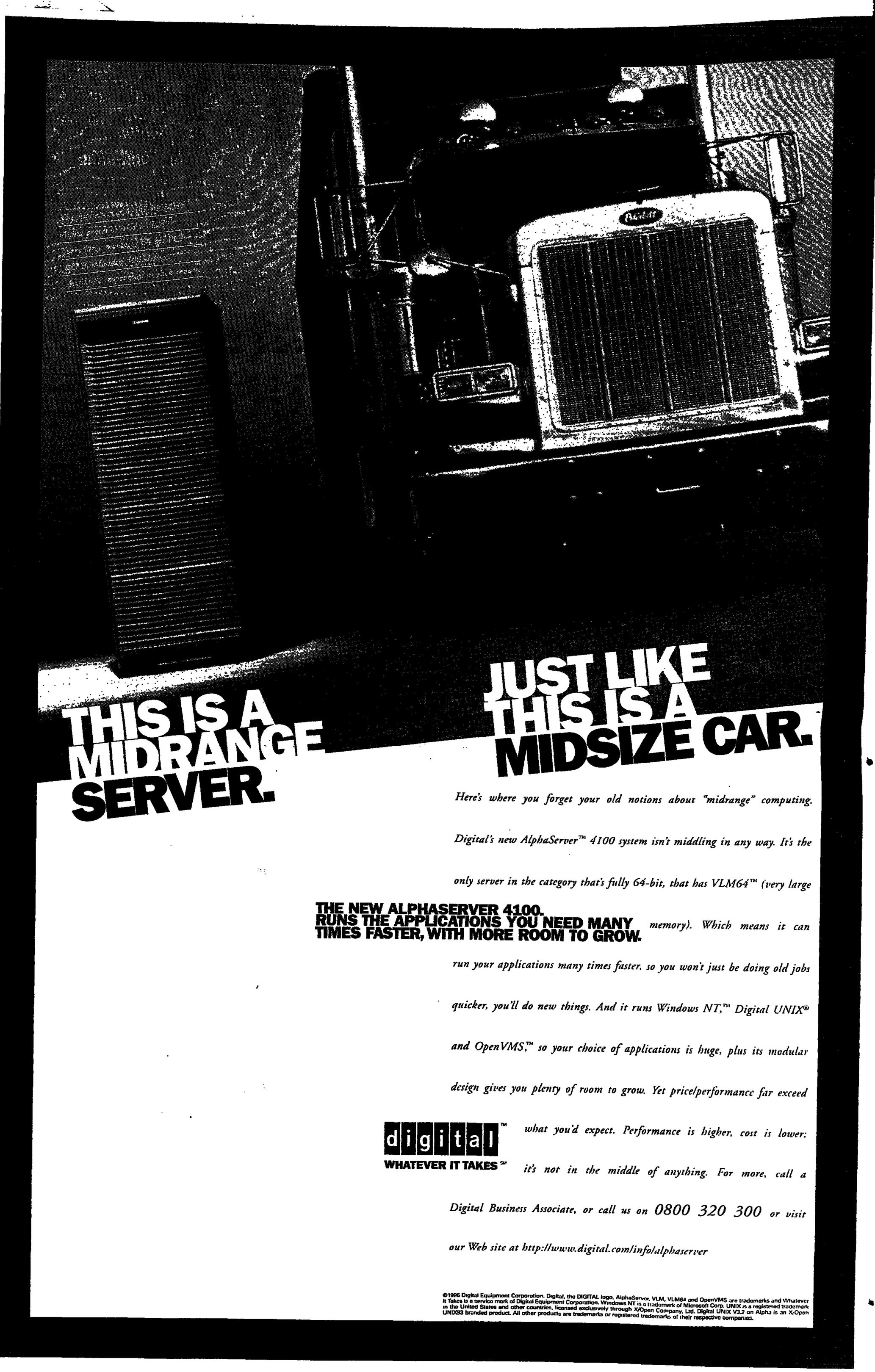
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The Cupid as it was found, exposed to the elements

Missing £1m Canova statue found at bottom of garden

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SCULPTURE that was left to stand for more than a century in a garden has been identified as a missing work by Antonio Canova, the Italian master who sculpted the *The Three Graces*.

As one of only a handful of Canovas that will ever come on to the open market, the marble piece, now restored to its former glory, has been valued at more than £1 million. Scholars had lost track of the striking life-sized figure of a nude youth, an amorino or Cupid, since the early 19th century.

Standing forlornly in its garden home in the West Country, gradually engulfed by lichen and weeds, the sensual figure had also been concealed by a coating of white paint, which some unknown person had applied in the past. Ironically, though, the paint had protected its delicate, highly-finished marble from the elements.

The statue is to be sold by Sotheby's in London on July 4. As most of Canova's works are in public collections worldwide, there is likely to be fierce competition.

The seller, who has insisted on anonymity, bought it privately from the owner of the garden. He is believed to have paid only a few thousand pounds and has refused to reveal anything about its previous location or owner, explaining only that he had "liked it" and purchased it as a "very nice marble statue".

For a year, he researched the piece, identifying its neoclassical style. Eventually, his detective work led him to Hugh Honour, the leading Canova scholar.

Mr Honour, who lives near Florence, said that the sculpture is "a pivotal work in a series of statues of the same subject modelled and carved between 1786 and 1797".

Conrad Webb, a specialist at Sotheby's, said: "It was a bit heart wrenching to see it in its original condition, covered in white paint, moss and lichens, and exposed to the elements. It's not something you'd wish on any work. Its hands were lying at its feet, part of the bow and part of its body were missing. They have been accurately restored by professionals to museum standards.

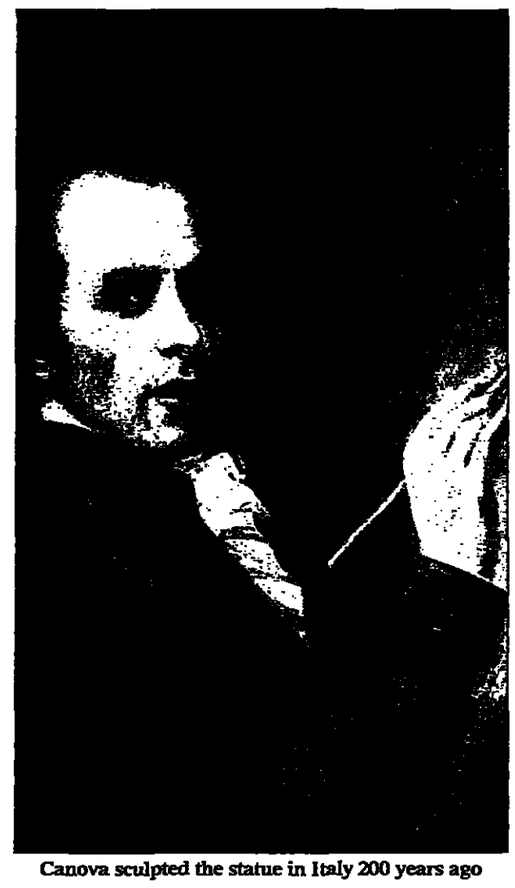
"I have no idea why it was covered in white paint. Perhaps somebody didn't know what they had got. It's a huge privilege for us. We're very excited by it."

The sculpture bears Canova's trademark: the beautiful modelling that resulted in the establishment of public collections on both sides of the Atlantic in the bid for *The Three Graces*. The Getty Museum in Los Angeles was frustrated by Britain's export laws as the Victoria & Albert Museum and National Galleries of Scotland won a battle to keep the piece in Britain.

The amorino was made between 1790 and 1791 for John David Latouche, the son of an Irish banker who visited Canova's studio in Rome while on the Grand Tour. Scholars suspected that it was somewhere in North Wales because descendents of Latouche had country houses there. Canova produced his first amorino in 1786 for Princess Lubormirska, a wealthy cousin of the King of Poland. She wanted her nephew, Henryk, to be idolised as a Cupid. Sotheby's explained that although Canova disliked portraiture, he modelled the head of this figure from a life sitting of Henryk, but gave him the body of an older boy.

During his period in Naples, taking a rest after completing the tomb of Pope Clement XIV, Canova was commissioned by a Colonel John Campbell, later Baron Cawdor, to carve the *Cupid and Pysche* that is now in the Louvre, and another amorino.

Latouche saw those pieces in the studio and tried to persuade Canova to sell the amorino to him instead. Canova kept to his original contract, and promised to make him a replica. The piece which Colonel Campbell took home is now at Anglesey Abbey, near Cambridge.



Canova sculpted the statue in Italy 200 years ago

Rapist confesses after meeting daughter of church minister

BY BILL FROST



Malcolm went to police after talk with fiancée

A CONSCIENCE-stricken double rapist gave himself up two years after attacking his second victim when he met and fell in love with a church minister's daughter, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Leslie Malcolm, 31, had dragged a pregnant woman at knifepoint from a bus stop and raped her in September 1993, weeks after being released early from a ten-year sentence for a similar attack.

Police investigating the crime in Peckham, southeast London, did not catch Malcolm, who became engaged to Miss Y, an 18-year-old girl he met at college. "I did not know of his past, but he told me he had been in prison for ten years," she later told detectives.

The couple started to live with Miss Y's parents', despite their disapproval of the relationship on moral grounds. After some months Malcolm began to agonise over his past. Michael West, QC, for the defence, said that in January his client went to the police to confess the bus-stop rape after telling his fiancée and her father. "There was no case against this man, no more than a crime report. He destroyed his own life by reason of his conscience telling him he could not live with what he had done," Mr West added.

In a letter to the judge, Miss Y said: "I trusted him totally. He knew I wanted to get married. We became engaged and it was then he realised he would have to speak to the police."

The court was told how Malcolm's second victim was waiting for a bus home late at night when he started talking to her. He grabbed her and pushed a knife against her back before taking her down a side road and raping her.

Malcolm had been released in June 1993 from a ten-year sentence for raping a girl at knifepoint after dragging her to his flat in February 1987. That crime followed his release after 25 months in prison for burglary, theft and handling stolen goods.

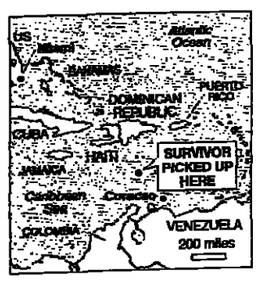
Miss Y said of her decision to live with Malcolm: "My parents are Christians and they were upset. I was a rebellious 18-year-old who wanted a life of my own."

After Malcolm realised he had to contact the police he became very emotional. "He was a broken man because everything he had hoped for and dreamt of and was at last within his grasp. It was a terrible sight."

Judge Pearlman warned Malcolm that she was considering life imprisonment. Sentence was adjourned until today.

Navy flies doctor to speedboat survivor

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT



THE Royal Navy assault ship *HMS Fearless* has helped in the rescue of a Caribbean islander found clinging to the remains of a speedboat after 18 days without food or water.

HMS Fearless was on her way to an exercise with Dutch marines when her crew received a "flash" from the United States Coastguard in Miami to pick up the survivor, drifting with a dead companion 450 miles away.

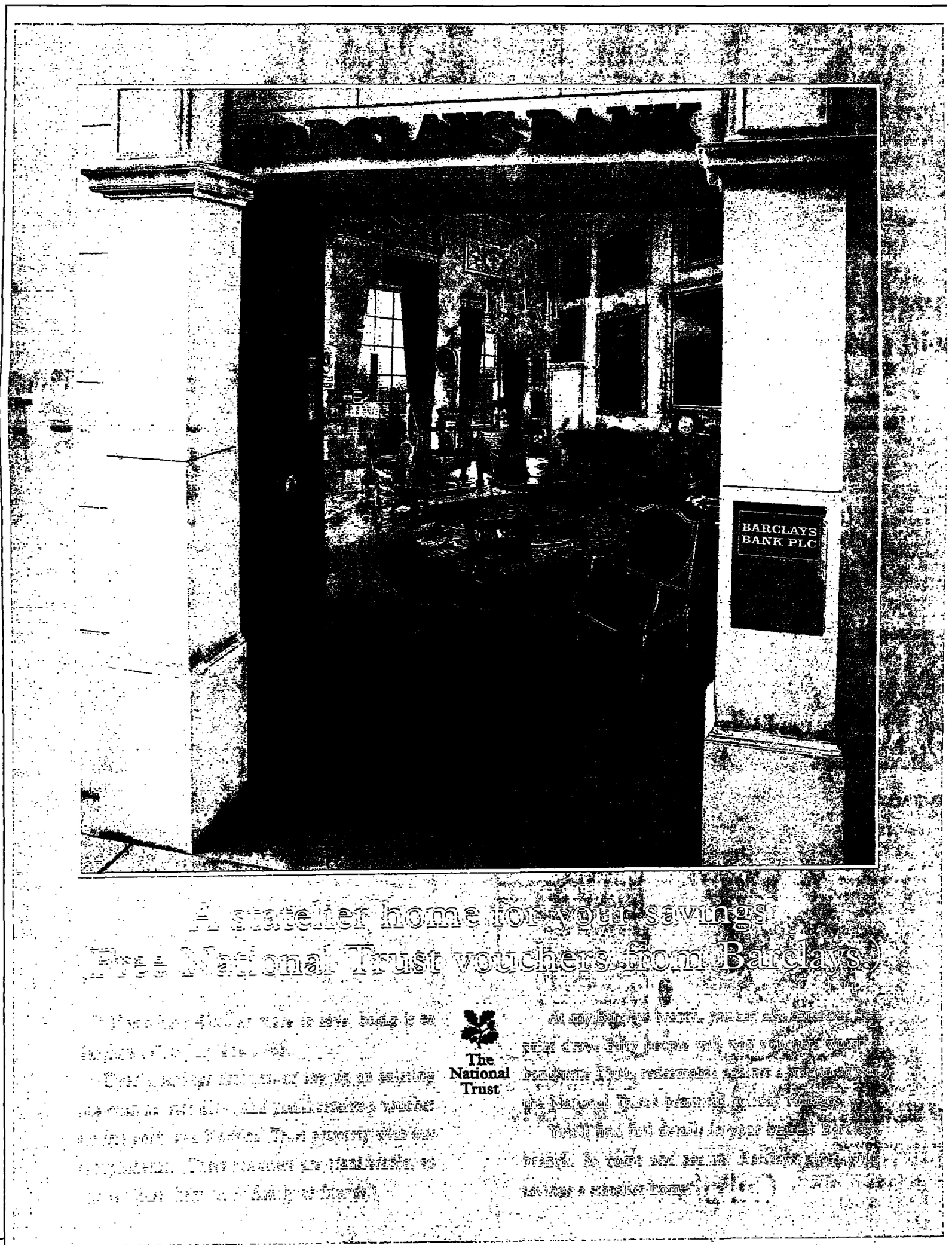
The assault ship, now 30 years old and due to be replaced, steamed towards the wrecked speedboat and, once she was within 200 miles of the spot, launched a mark 4 Sea King helicopter, with a doctor on board, to rescue the sole survivor.

The islander, Alexander Johnie, from St Lucia, had been drinking sea water and was delirious and seriously dehydrated after his ordeal. Three others who had been with him in the boat were missing. The survivor and his dead companion had first been spotted by a Danish merchant vessel, *MV Elizabeth Boye*. The crew retrieved them from the water but the vessel had no medical facilities on board and so telexed the US Coastguard.

Commander Adrian Baker, the *HMS Fearless* doctor flown to the scene, was winched down to the merchant vessel. A Royal Navy spokesman said he stabilised the survivor before both of them were winched back into the helicopter and flown back to *HMS Fearless*. The dead man was buried at sea.

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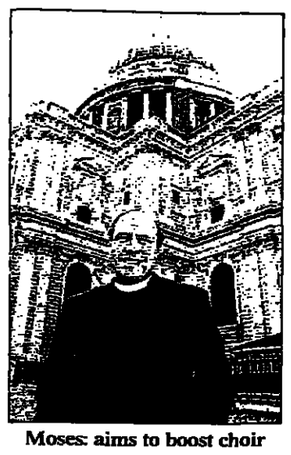
Standard Fireworks is not the only British manufacturer producing for the consumer market (report, May 28). A number of firms, including companies in Essex and Cambridgeshire, continue to thrive.



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New dean plans spiritual revival for cathedral of tourism



Moses: aims to boost choir

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE new dean of St Paul's pledged yesterday to give worship a higher priority in the life of the cathedral. It attracts more than two million paying tourists a year from all over the world but comparatively few parishioners.

Dr John Moses, 58, the Provost of Chelmsford, who describes himself as an "affirming Catholic" from the liberal Catholic wing of the Church of England, takes over a bastion of Anglo-Catholicism that is a highlight of any London sightseeing tour. Its facilities are geared more towards coach parties than worshippers.Admission charges to St Paul's are £3.50 to the cathedral, £3 for the galleries or £6 for a combined ticket. There are concessionary rates.

Dr Moses will replace the Very Reverend Eric Evans as Dean of The Cathedral Church of St Paul in London in September.

Dr Moses said: "Cathedrals must be at the forefront of the Church's mission. They stand on the boundary of church and community life. They are in touch day to day with large numbers of people who often have only an occasional relationship with the church.

"They are the Church of England's shop window and their work is primary evangelism."

Some cathedral observers believe that Dr Moses will attempt to emphasise St Paul's role as a diocesan cathedral, along similar lines to Salisbury and Winchester, rather than its status as a well-loved Wren building and national monument.

"Large questions are being asked at the present time concerning the governance of our cathedrals," he said.

"What matters far more is the work of our cathedrals and the unique opportunities they possess to speak to people — through the English cathedral tradition of choral worship; through the work of education and an imaginative presentation of the Gospels and through the hospitality that is afforded to visitors and tourists."

Dr Moses, a Londoner by birth, has been at Chelmsford since 1982. He is an enthusiast for the English cathedral tradition of choral worship and was responsible for the construction of a new organ at Chelmsford and the creation of a choral foundation. Although claiming to be tone deaf, he said he intends to strengthen St Paul's choir.

Dr Moses said he would arrive in three months' time with a set of priorities rather than a "set agenda". He emphasised that it would be impertinent to the existing chapter clergy to start laying down the law.

The Rt Rev Richard Chartres, the Bishop of London, is to move into the old deanery in the shadow of St Paul's. Dr Moses will become a near neighbour in the Deanery.

"I am delighted at the appointment of Dr John Moses," Bishop Chartres said. "Cathedrals in Britain provide a vital educational and spiritual resource in our nation's life as high places of Christian worship."

St Paul's reputation was damaged last year when Marilyn Ivory, a virger from Wanstead, east London, took the chapter to an industrial tribunal where she won her case for unfair dismissal. She claimed that she was demoted and subjected to smutty jokes and sexual innuendo.

☐ The Rt Rev Colin Buchanan has been appointed to succeed the Rt Rev Peter Hall as the Bishop of Woolwich in the Anglican Diocese of Southwark. The new bishop, aged 61, lived in Handsworth, West Midlands, at the time of the riots in 1985 and became involved in inner city and multi-ethnic issues. However, he resigned his post when he took responsibility for the financial loss incurred by the 1989 "City-wide Christian Celebration" with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Yesterday he emphasised the Church's ministry to the poor and across racial divides. He has been an assistant bishop in Rochester, Kent, since October 1989. He said: "A specific issue which will arise in the Woolwich area, or at least I hope it will, is the celebration of the Millennium in Greenwich. The Millennium is a Christian celebration above everything else and I could hardly want to be in any other place in Europe when 2000 comes than in the Woolwich episcopal area.

"You will recognise that I am more humbled because, at a point more than seven years on from when I resigned as Bishop of Aston, I had honestly thought I was being allowed to slip gently over the horizon as the incumbent of an interesting Kent parish and nothing more or less than that. It is therefore with some emotion, as well as with a marvelling at the providence of God, that I take up this new task."

THE DUNBLANE INQUIRY

Hamilton stroked guns and spoke of them as his babies

BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THOMAS HAMILTON disturbed fellow gun-club members by stroking his weapons and called them his babies, the Dunblane inquiry was told yesterday.

Women found him "creepy" and fellow members were concerned by his tendency to fix fluorescent markers to the chin and chest areas of human-sized targets and empty his magazine as quickly as possible. But despite frequent breaches of pistol competition rules, he was never expelled or disciplined because he was deemed safe.

William Campbell, 44, competition secretary of the Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club, said that, two weeks before the shootings, Hamilton travelled home from a local range next to Mr Campbell's cousin, Alexis Fawcett. "When he got out of the car in Stirling, my cousin's words were, 'That's a right weirdo, that one.'

"She said he was going on about a Kalashnikov rifle, that he loved his guns and he stroked his guns. My cousin said it was as though that was what he lived for, his babies."

Gordon Crawford, the club secretary, said Hamilton joined in 1987 and usually attended three or four times a year. But in February he began showing up every fortnight, ignoring competition rules and firing rapidly at targets. At his last pistol-firing session, on March 2, he scored 220 out of 300, the lowest of those present, but showed no interest in improving his skills or mixing with others.

A Scout leader said that he had doubts 20 years ago about Hamilton's mental stability and his sexual intentions towards young boys. Brian Fairgrieve, 69, a retired surgeon who was a County Commissioner for the Scout Association in the 1970s, said that, after a long talk with Hamilton in 1974, he believed that he had "a persecution complex, delusions of grandeur and showed signs of paranoic behaviour".

He felt that Hamilton's moral intentions towards boys were suspect. He added that he had not used the word "paedophile" at the time because it was not in common usage, but he said that was what he meant. "I was concerned about improper sexual intentions towards boys."

Mr Fairgrieve said Hamilton's authorisation as a Scout leader was withdrawn in 1974 after a trip to Aviemore in which the boys had to sleep on the floor of his van. They had returned cold, wet and hungry and parents had complained. Hamilton was investigated by the Scouts and blacklisted. His subsequent attempts to rejoin were unsuccessful, but he had remained "a thorn in the flesh" of the movement.

Robert Comrie Deuchars, 68, a former District Commissioner, said he was aware of rumours that Hamilton was sexually abusing children, but knew of no proof.

Police admit amnesty will not stop criminals

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

AS the national firearms amnesty was launched yesterday a senior police officer predicted that it would do little to prevent criminals using guns.

Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, which has seen an upsurge in gun-related crime, said that wider efforts were needed to tackle the menace of firearms. Mr Sharples, who is president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "The people engaged in shooting incidents on Merseyside are clearly not going to bring weapons into the police station." He called for "a strong enforcement effort" against such people.

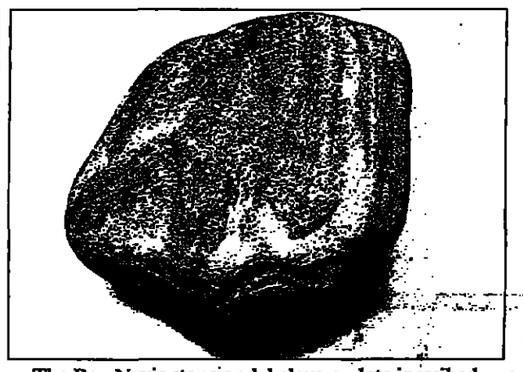
Mr Sharples said that chief constables also believed that laws covering applications for gun licences should be tightened. "It just may be that what the shooting lobby attracts is the misfit, the sick person who wants to get their hands on firearms for obviously the wrong reasons," he said.

Under the amnesty, which ends on June 30, illegal guns can be handed to police stations without fear of prosecution provided they have not been used in a crime. One of the first weapons surrendered was an AK-47 assault rifle, handed to police in Bicester.

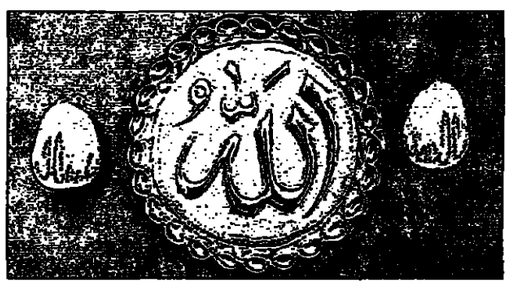
MARK STONE



Imtiaz Hussain, left, Mozaquir Ali and Bosiul Hoque with the stone that they and their companions found while walking near Ben Nevis



The Ben Nevis stone and, below, a plate inscribed "Allah" between the halves of Mrs Patel's aubergine



Muslims find Allah in foothills of Ben Nevis

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MUSLIMS from all over Britain are flocking to see what they believe to be a sign from Allah discovered in the foothills of Ben Nevis.

Mozaquir Ali, a Liberal Democrat borough councillor from Burnley, Lancashire, and seven friends on a day trip to the Highlands went for an evening stroll and decided to gather stones from the banks of a burn for a fish tank kept by Bosiul Hoque, a Bangladeshi takeaway owner.

Imtiaz Hussain, a construction company director, noticed an attractively patterned stone and called to Qamarul Hassan, a taxi driver, to pick it up. The group saw that the four-inch wide rock, encrusted with soil, appeared to have Arabic writing on it.

As they washed the stone the name of Allah became clear, spelt out in the white and brown markings on the stone.

"When we washed it in the stream we could all recognise the name of Allah," Mr Ali, who works for the Racial Equality Council in Rossendale, said. "We were in no doubt that it was a true miracle, and a great find. It strengthened our faith in Allah, proving that he does exist. People may say that the marks on the stone are natural, but nature is what God or Allah has created."

Mr Ali and his friends took the stone back to Burnley, where the imams of all five mosques in the town have seen the stone and verified that it clearly represents the name of Allah and can be regarded as holy.

Mr Ali said yesterday: "As word has spread people are coming from all over to see the stone. We hope to put it on exhibition within Burnley but it has not yet been decided where.

"Several of the mosques have expressed interest but I think it will be up to the eight of us who found it to decide. It will take us a couple of weeks to find a suitable venue where all the people who want to see the stone can be accommodated."

This is believed to be the first time Allah's name has been found in stone in Britain but it has been discovered several times in seed patterns within aubergines. The most recent case was in March this year when Salim and Ruksana Patel of Bolton, Lancashire, found the name inside an aubergine bought for 25p.

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Candid judge returns to fray with attack on poverty

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN TUMIM, scourge of the Home Office in his former role as Chief Inspector of Prisons, is returning to haunt the Government with an assault on its record on poverty. He is helping to produce a report that is likely to number the poor in the United Kingdom at 14 million.

Judge Tumim put ministers on notice that, like his condemnations of prison conditions that regularly cropped up to embarrass a succession of Home Secretaries, the inquiry into poverty would pull few punches. "It may be useful for the Government to hear a few home truths," he said. The judge has accepted a role as one of four unpaid "poverty commissioners" recruited by Channel 4, which today begins *Broke!*, a fortnight of documentaries and dramas about poor people.

He yesterday made an early assault on the Department of Social Security, which refuses to create a definition of poverty despite being responsible for its alleviation through the welfare system.

"They want to keep it as woolly as possible so they can spend less money," he said. "It is clear people are getting richer and people are getting poorer. Both ends are moving away from each other. I hope the report will draw people's attention to some of the sadness and unfairness in our society, which is capable of being corrected. Problems of poverty are problems of education, problems of health and problems of — perhaps above all — housing."

The commission is chaired by Professor Peter Townsend, with Prue Leith, the caterer, and Jatinder Verma, an Asian arts entrepreneur, as the other members. Their report, in the style of a royal commission, will be published in October, near the date of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Big Issue wins UN award

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ISTANBUL

A MAGAZINE sold by the homeless has been awarded a United Nations prize for raising public awareness of their plight.

The Big Issue is one of 105 projects selected by the UN Habitat II conference, which opened in Istanbul yesterday, as examples of innovative practice that can be copied by others. It has given rise to street papers in 11 other west European countries and one in St Petersburg, Russia, as well as *Homeless Talk* in South Africa. There are also about 50 street papers in America and Canada.

Glasgow was the only other British winner, with a citation for its action against cold and damp in its housing stock. The city and local health authority have fitted 12,000 council houses with new central heating, 18,000 with new windows and 110,000 with draught-proofing.

The judges said the deteriorating condition of Glasgow's housing stock, rising fuel prices, poverty and the weather had forced families to spend up to 30 per cent of their income on heating and created serious health concerns. Under the new scheme, no family should spend more than 10 per cent of net household income on heating.

The Big Issue is especially praised for keeping the topic of homelessness in the papers and giving homeless people a voice.

"The paper has challenged media perceptions of homelessness as well as creating a forum where the issues of homelessness can be discussed," the judges said.

Tessa Swithinbank, the magazine's international editor, said she hoped the award would encourage yet more countries to copy it.

Neither of the awards is among the top 12 prizewinners, to be announced today.

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Insurance firms plan to penalise road-rage drivers

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

DRIVERS who commit so-called road-rage offences could be refused insurance cover. Cornhill Insurance said it had received a big increase in claims from drivers involved in such incidents, often when minor collisions escalated into violence.

The company said it would raise premiums or even refuse cover to motorists who had convictions for serious road violence. The move comes as insurance companies try to identify drivers who are bad risks because of persistent offences.

The AA said motorists who had nine points on their licences for speeding could also be refused cover or told to pay premium increases of up to £100. A survey by the AA found 16 per cent of drivers had points on their licences, nearly half accounted for by speeding. Mark Wood, managing director of AA Insurance, said many insurance companies were increasing the number of exclusions in policies to identify drivers who had showed they were liable to get into trouble.

The survey of 230,000 drivers found 36,938 had points on their licences. One in five 21 to 29-year-olds had committed offences, making them the worst age group.

Oldham, at 23.9 per cent, had the worst record among towns in England for the percentage of drivers with endorsed licences, although that was well behind the area with the highest number, the Western Isles, where 30.8 per cent have had their licences endorsed. The lowest were in Jersey (3.9 per cent) and Northern Ireland (4.3 per cent).

The AA's figures underline concern in insurance companies that they are insuring too many people whose personalities make them a liability on the roads. In one of the most expensive cases, a Liverpool builder who believed he had been cut up by another motorist laid into the other car with a club hammer, damaging it so badly that it had to be written off.

Mark Bishop, Cornhill's spokesman, said: "This is not just media hype. We have charted an increase in road rage and, as a responsible insurer, we are determined to do what we can to stop this sort of behaviour. We are told about minor incidents in which damage to property is very small, but people get out of control. Drivers who are out of control are not people we would be happy about insuring."

Other insurance companies are expected to follow Cornhill as the industry increasingly weeds out motorists who are violent, drink and drive, or drive too fast.

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Oldham	23.9	London East Central	12.3
Inverness	23.7	Croydon	11.9
Paisley	23.1	Canterbury	11.3
Bolton	23.0	Newport, Gwent	11.2
Glasgow	22.1	Taunton	11.1
Manchester	21.7	Shetland	10.5
Falkirk	21.4	N Ireland	4.3
Ilford	21.3	Jersey	3.9

SIMON WALKER



A youngster leads his pony past houses on the Fettercairn Estate in Tallaght

Irish rovers face final round-up

BY AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE free-roving horses on Irish housing estates, romanticised in the film *The Commitments*, could be culled or sold under legislation proposed by the Government. Jimmy Deenihan, the junior agriculture minister in charge of the Control of Horses Bill, currently being considered by the Dail, says the animals have become a major threat to children's safety. There are approximately 3,000 horses on estates nationwide, about one third of them in Dublin.

The new Bill, which has cross-party support, will allow local authorities to seize any horse that wanders out of controlled areas. Owners will have to license their animals and offenders face a fine of £10,000 or two years' imprisonment. One clause would prevent children under 16 owning horses. On the Fettercairn estate in South Dublin children keep their horses in a large corral behind the houses. Though littered with burnt out cars the corral, organised by a community project, provides space for the children to ride.

Thomas Dominican, 12, has owned four horses in the past year. "Banning children from owning horses is stupid," he says. "There is nothing else to do here." Grooming the horses and picking broken glass out of their hooves keeps children out of trouble, he says.

Prescription errors cost £3.5m in claims over six years

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

WRONGLY prescribed drugs that have caused death or permanent damage are the commonest cause of medical negligence claims against doctors, a report says today.

Compensation payments worth £3.5 million were paid out to patients by the Medical Defence Union, the doctors' defence body, over six years because of prescribing errors.

A survey of 21,500 claims against GP members of the union found 790 in which damages were paid. Almost 200 payments, one quarter of the total, were made because of drug errors.

The commonest mistakes involved giving the wrong drug, the wrong dose, or failing to note its interaction with another drug or an allergy. In almost half the cases the damage was permanent — causing scarring, nerve damage or stroke — and 18 per cent resulted in death, stillbirth or an abortion.

Two thirds of the cases were settled for less than £10,000 each but five resulted in damages of over £100,000. A woman who lost the feeling in her lower back after medical staff injected calcium chloride instead of sodium chloride (common salt used in a saline drip) during the administration of an epidural won £308,000.

In another case, a 72-year-old man with a long history of wheezing, for which he used an inhaler, was treated for high blood pressure with a beta-blocker, oxprenolol. He collapsed and died shortly after taking the first tablet. His GP failed to heed warnings in drug directories that the drug could induce an asthmatic attack in wheezy patients. The claim was settled for £5,500.

In a third case, a GP's receptionist who wrote out a repeat prescription for a woman with heart trouble on long-term anti-coagulation therapy gave the dose as 5 mg per day instead of 1 mg. The GP failed to spot the error when he signed the prescription and the patient later had an internal haemorrhage and required a transfusion. The claim was settled for £1,500.

Dr Stephen Green, head of risk management at the MDU, said it was the first time the union had made such detailed information available. "We feel it is essential to highlight potential pitfalls and to provide our members with as much information as possible to help them manage their patients safely."

The report, *Medication Errors*, advises doctors to take care when prescribing drugs with similar names, to check the medical histories and current medication before prescribing new drugs and to devise systems of monitoring long-term drug treatment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£1 movies are a hit at box office

More than a million people took advantage of the £1 ticket offer on Sunday to mark 100 years of cinema. Total sales of 1.1 million tickets compared with average Sunday sales of about 400,000. Cinema owners are considering making the promotion an annual event.

Student in court

Craig Webster, 24, a student from Aberdeen who brandished a fake pistol in a restaurant days after the Dunblane shootings must do 240 hours of community service, the city's Sheriff Court ordered.

Casket returns

A 12th-century gold and ivory casket, stolen in 1994 and later found dumped on a Yorkshire moor, is now back fully restored in St Petroc's Parish Church at Bodmin, Cornwall, behind a bulletproof screen.

Home, not away

A fly-drive holiday to Orlando, Florida, is on offer for £49 while Euro 96 takes place. Going Abroad Travel said the championship had brought the package holiday market to a near standstill.

Detective sought

An arrest warrant against Detective Constable Roger Miller, 37, of Norfolk, who failed to turn up at court to face nine charges of stealing money from police, was issued at Norwich Crown Court.

Old excuse

Thirteen trains between Manchester and Bolton were delayed when a replica of Stephenson's Rocket came off the rails in Manchester. Its handbrake had not been applied properly.

Doctor of rock

Peter Gabriel, the rock star and former singer with Genesis, will receive an honorary doctor of music degree at Bath University this month for his "innovative work as a musician, writer and video maker".

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Labour leadership backs Straw on child curfew plan

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership threw its weight yesterday behind Jack Straw's proposed curfews for children under ten and played down internal party differences on the issue.

Mr Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, denied backing down from plans to stop children roaming the streets after 9pm but emphasised that he was not advocating a nationwide scheme.

Labour party divisions appeared at the weekend when Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip, said he doubted that curfews were "a workable solution" to youth crime.

Margaret Hodge, MP for Barking, who is attached to Mr Straw's team also dismissed the idea as "absolutely ridiculous" and "a complete and utter nonsense". But yesterday Mrs Hodge, who is a close ally of Mr Blair, issued a statement via the Labour leader's office saying that she had been misinterpreted and that she supported Mr Straw.

She insisted that her remarks, on BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions*, referred to curfews for teenage children as introduced in some American cities by President Bill Clinton. "No responsible parent should leave a child under ten on the streets at night and therefore Jack Straw is quite right to be looking at proposals to address this problem," Mrs Hodge said. "I was asked about President Clinton's plan, which related to teenagers. There is a huge difference between a nine-year-old and a 15-year-old."

The Tories immediately sought to exploit the divisions, pointing out that Mr Straw had told *The Sunday Times* that "the age groups affected could be people up to age 16".

Mr Straw prompted a party row last year when he called for greater efforts to clear the streets of beggars, addicts and "squeegee merchants". But party sources described his latest proposal as another example of Labour's aim "to get tough on crime".

Yesterday Tory party sources accused him of backtracking after he emphasised that his plan was aimed at younger children under the age of ten and would be tested with pilot schemes.

Mr Straw said that the proposal was at an early stage, but local councils, with the agreement of police and residents, should be given power to enforce curfews on children aged ten and under who were out alone at night. "It's our view that, if you don't impose a solution nationally but provide powers locally to local councils and the police, the very prospect of those powers will generate local debate in areas where there is a problem. And you may not need to use the powers, but they should be there if the other approaches don't work."

Senior Labour Party sources said that Mr Dewar's comments had been misinterpreted and pointed out that the police had already proposed bringing in curfews in Birmingham to control a spate of robberies and vandalism. But they emphasised that the curfew was a proposal rather than a policy and would be subject to consultation.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said that there were "enormous practical problems" with the idea. He said police already had some powers to introduce curfews on young people who were causing trouble while on bail.

"I am afraid this is not a proposal which is very practical and I think you could hear Mr Straw back-pedalling furiously this morning from some of the things which he was saying over the weekend," Mr Howard said. "I think people understand that the way to take effective action is not to rush forward with proposals just because Bill Clinton has mentioned it in a speech."

Mr Straw's plans were also criticised by Tony Butler, Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, who speaks for the Association of Chief Police Officers on youth crime. "We seem to be in danger of imposing a solution when we don't know exactly the nature of the problem," he said. "There is a need to open up the debate on this, but I have great reservations that you can enforce responsibility on parents."

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Minister stresses his Welsh credentials

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN EVANS, the new Under Secretary of State for Wales, had one overriding quality for the job. He is one of only six Welsh Tory MPs.

But the appointment will not satisfy vociferous members of the Welsh Language Society. Mr Evans, 46, unlike the minister he is replacing, Rod Richards, cannot speak Welsh.

Yesterday Mr Evans insisted that it would not be a handicap. "I am a Welshman who has lived and worked in Wales all my life," he said in a BBC Radio interview. "I share with 80 per cent of the people of Wales the fact that I am not a Welsh speaker."

MAN IN THE NEWS

Mr Evans, who is married with a son and two daughters, shares with Mr Richards a love of the family, according to his entry in *Who's Who*. He became MP for Brecon and Radnor at the 1992 election, after five recounts, with a majority of 130. It was his fifth attempt to become an MP.

In May, 1994, his future looked bleak when he quit as parliamentary aide to Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland Minister, in opposition to local government reforms in Wales. The reforms, which led to the creation of single-tier local government, took effect in April.

As Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department he had to steer the contentious Family Law Bill, which proposes sweeping reforms to the divorce law, through the Commons. He tried, with some success, to woo Tory rebels back to the government fold in their fight against no-fault divorce.

Before Mr Evans became an MP he was a lawyer at the Cardiff firm headed by Leo Abse, who was a Labour MP until 1987. Predictably, for a Welsh MP, Mr Evans lists rugby among his recreations. Yesterday he said that had no need to learn the words of the Welsh national anthem. "Of course, along with most people in Wales, I sing it with great gusto and enthusiasm whenever we turn out at Arms Park against England or whoever."

Gary Streeter, 40, MP for Plymouth Sutton and a junior whip, will take Mr Evans's job at the Lord Chancellor's Department. Mr Streeter, a lawyer, was the government whip on the divorce Bill and is respected by the Tory rebels who have threatened to scupper it at the third reading.

Mr Major decided on the two appointments after taking a 40-minute early-morning stroll in St James's Park with Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip. The resignation of Mr Richards dominated the conversation.



Jonathan Evans: "I am a Welshman who has lived and worked in Wales all my life"

Military housing sell-off 'a disgrace'

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

A FORMER Chief of the Defence Staff condemned the Government's plan to sell off 60,000 military homes as "a national disgrace" yesterday.

Under the scheme, the Government aims to raise £2 billion by selling married quarters to the private sector then renting some of them back.

But Field Marshal Lord Bramall told peers that servicemen and their families faced the bleak prospect of losing their homes and their community life, with soaring rents, fewer houses available, and developers taking over the best estates. He was supported by Lord Craig, another former Chief of the Defence Staff, and Lord Chalfont, chairman of the House of Lords all-party defence group.

In a debate on the Armed Forces Bill, Lord Bramall said: "This will force families prematurely out of the Service and into private accommodation and this in turn will erode community life of army units and RAF stations so valuable to *esprit de corps*."

Lord Bramall, one of the most highly decorated soldiers, said that the forces were "acutely overstretched" and accused Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, of naivity. "My concern is now with the never-ending peripheral but potentially erosive studies which add to the instability and uncertainty which the Armed Forces have had to endure over the last five years and which strike at the ethos and identity of the Services, so important to morale and fighting quality," he said.

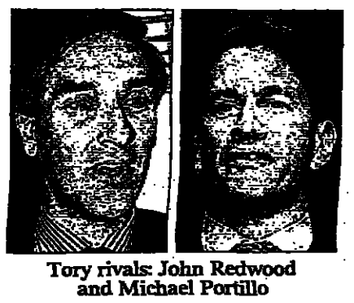
The Army Families Federation is opposing the sell-off and has the support of the British Legion.

Defence ministers later rejected Lord Bramall's claims, saying that the changes would improve outdated army housing and provide a more flexible system.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions to environment ministers and the Prime Minister. Education (Scotland) Bill; backbench debate on funding of social services in Buckinghamshire. In the Lords, Deregulation (Gun Barrel Proving) Order; European Union: report on drinking water; EU reports on transfer of undertakings; Damages Bill, report.

Redwood overtakes Portillo as people's right-wing choice



Tory rivals: John Redwood and Michael Portillo

BY PETER RIDDELL

JOHN REDWOOD has for the first time overtaken Michael Portillo as the standard bearer of the Tory Right in the public's ranking of possible successors to John Major, according to a MORI poll for *The Times*.

MORI asked people which one of a series of named Tory politicians they would like to see replace Mr Major as party leader "when the time comes". Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, easily comes first, with 18 per cent. Mr Redwood is second on 9 per cent, followed by Kenneth Clarke on 7 per cent.

Mr Portillo is on 4 per cent, the same as Chris Patten, who, as Governor of Hong Kong, is not an MP and is therefore ineligible to stand. The rest, including Michael Howard and Malcolm Rifkind, are on 3 per cent or less.

These findings confirm Mr Redwood's success in building up his public as well as parliamentary standing as leader of the Eurosceptic Right since his unsuccessful challenge to Mr Major last July. Among Conservative supporters his lead over Mr Portillo is smaller, at 11 against 7 per cent.

But never in the past has Mr Redwood been rated by the public ahead of Mr Portillo. Before last year's leadership election, support for him in the polls was too small to count, and even during the campaign, Mr Portillo was still in the lead, especially among Tory supporters.

Mr Redwood attracts his strongest support among owner occupiers, those who have switched away from the Tories since the 1992 election, those who regard Europe as among the most important issues facing Britain today and those who vote for Britain to leave the European Union in any referendum. However, he receives just 5 per cent support, the lowest in any British region, in Wales, where he was Secretary of State for two years until his resignation.

These rankings are mainly a measure of name recognition and immediate political impact rather than predicters of what may happen when there is a Tory leadership election. For instance, a MORI poll immediately just after the last general election about who should lead Labour after Neil Kinnock put the late John Smith in a commanding lead with just 1 per cent backing Tony Blair.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,620 adults between May 23 and 26: 27 per cent said they would support none of the named Tory politicians and 18 per cent said they did not know.*

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Critics condemn moves to preserve low-budget 'architectural experiments' of postwar Britain

Functional buildings claim place in heritage

By Marcus Binney

ENGLISH Heritage's latest choice of postwar functionalist buildings to recommend for listing sparked renewed controversy yesterday.

The list includes theatres, swimming pools, sports pavilions, shopping parades, buildings at London Zoo, some of the earliest tower housing in Britain and works by controversial figures such as Sir Basil Spence and Sir Frederick Gibberd.

Dr David Watkin, the Cambridge architectural historian, said: "I feel it is monstrous to open the way to spend public money propping up experimental buildings constructed on low budgets immediately after the war. They raise serious problems of maintenance and repair.

"Some of Gibberd's buildings are falling down. Look at the problems with Liverpool's Catholic cathedral."

Dr Watkin criticised English Heritage's method of listing postwar architecture according to building type. "It's hard to see a sports pavilion or a swimming pool being viewed as an icon of our age by future generations. We should be listing buildings of outstanding quality which future generations will clearly venerate."

The latest recommendations, in five categories, include a group of tower blocks in new towns around London such as Basildon, Bracknell and Harlow.

Dr Martin Cherry, head of listing for English Heritage, said: "Gibberd's The Lawn at Harlow is the first high-rise housing built after the war. The residents appear sympathetic to listing. They are proud of the development and recently objected strongly to a proposal to build a telecommunications mast on top."

Also recommended for listing is Brooke House, Basildon, one of the first houses in Britain erected on the notorious concrete pillars known as Pilotis, from which the anti-modernist column in *Private Eye*, started by Sir John Betjeman, takes its name.

At London Zoo, English Heritage has proposed a Grade II* listing for the elephant house, by Sir Hugh Casson, the former President of the Royal Academy. This was criticised by the late Gerald Durrell as "an architect's whim" unsuitable for elephants, with a tiny area outside and unnecessarily high ceilings within which made it difficult to heat.

English Heritage also recommends a Grade II* listing for the renowned Snowdon Aviary. Cedric Price, the architect who worked with the Earl of Snowdon on the project, said: "It has been very badly maintained in recent years and I hope they will be given a grant to clean it and get the waterworks going again."

English Heritage also recommends for listing a series of modest terrace houses in Norfolk villages by the architects Tayler and Green. Dr Cherry said: "Conservation area legislation is not very effective in protecting details and many of these simple houses retain all their original windows, porches and trellis."

An English Heritage spokesman added: "All the buildings recommended are of national importance for their architectural design, decoration or craftsmanship and for the integrity of their total concept. They are put forward on the strength of their technological innovation, their response to a functional requirement or their association with a particular historical event. A notable feature of postwar recommendations is the dramatic use of space made possible by new materials and techniques."

Listing would not prevent alteration or even demolition, rather it would force planning applications to go through a more specialised and strict assessment before acceptance or rejection.

An exhibition on the recommendations will open today at the RIBA Architecture Centre in west London and the public will be invited to offer their opinions.

English Heritage justified its choices as follows:

☐ Corpus Christi and Sidney Sussex boat house, Cambridge, by David Roberts (1958-59): "The first modern movement boathouse, it rapidly became a design classic and its simplicity set a trend for boathouse buildings elsewhere."

☐ 23-79 The Ryde, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, by Peter Phippen and Associates (1964-6): "A good example of patio planning. The relationship between individual privacy and communal grouping placed it at the forefront of new ideas in housing."

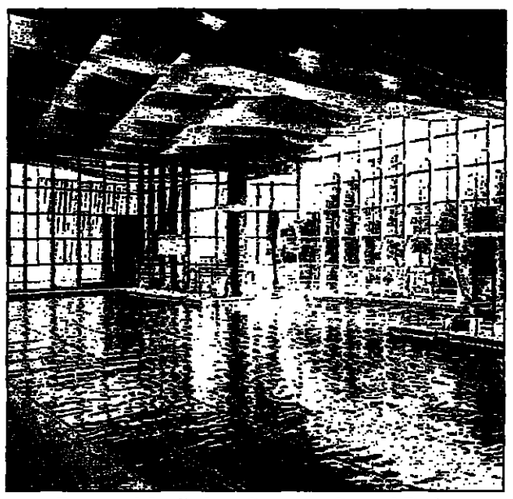
☐ 1-30 Windmill Green, Ditchingham, Norfolk, by Tayler and Green (1947-49): "It revives the traditional English terrace round three sides of an open-ended village green with colourwashed houses and fretted bargeboards."

☐ Houses in Davy Place, Loddon, Norfolk, by Tayler and Green (1962-3): "Old people's bungalows which won a civil trust award in 1964."

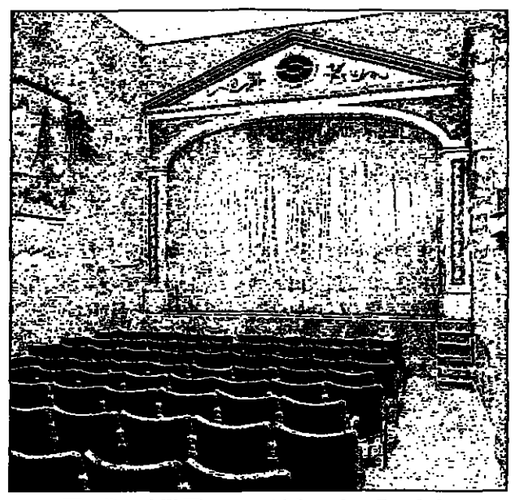
Other proposals for listing include the Chichester Festival Theatre by Powell & Moya (1960-62); the National Recreation Centre, Crystal Palace, by London County Council (1960-64); the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, City Architects' Department (1955-57); the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, by Bryan and Norman Westwood (1961-63) and the Curzon Cinema, Mayfair, by John Burnett and Partners (1963-66).



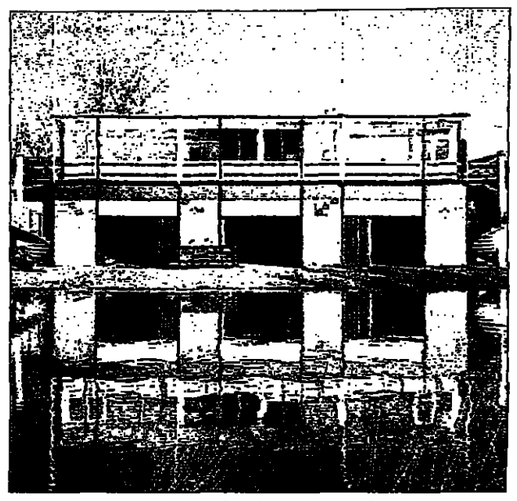
The elephant and rhino pavilion at London Zoo, which is recommended for listing, has won acclaim from architects but critics say it is unsuitable for its occupants



Proposed for listing: Coventry Central Baths

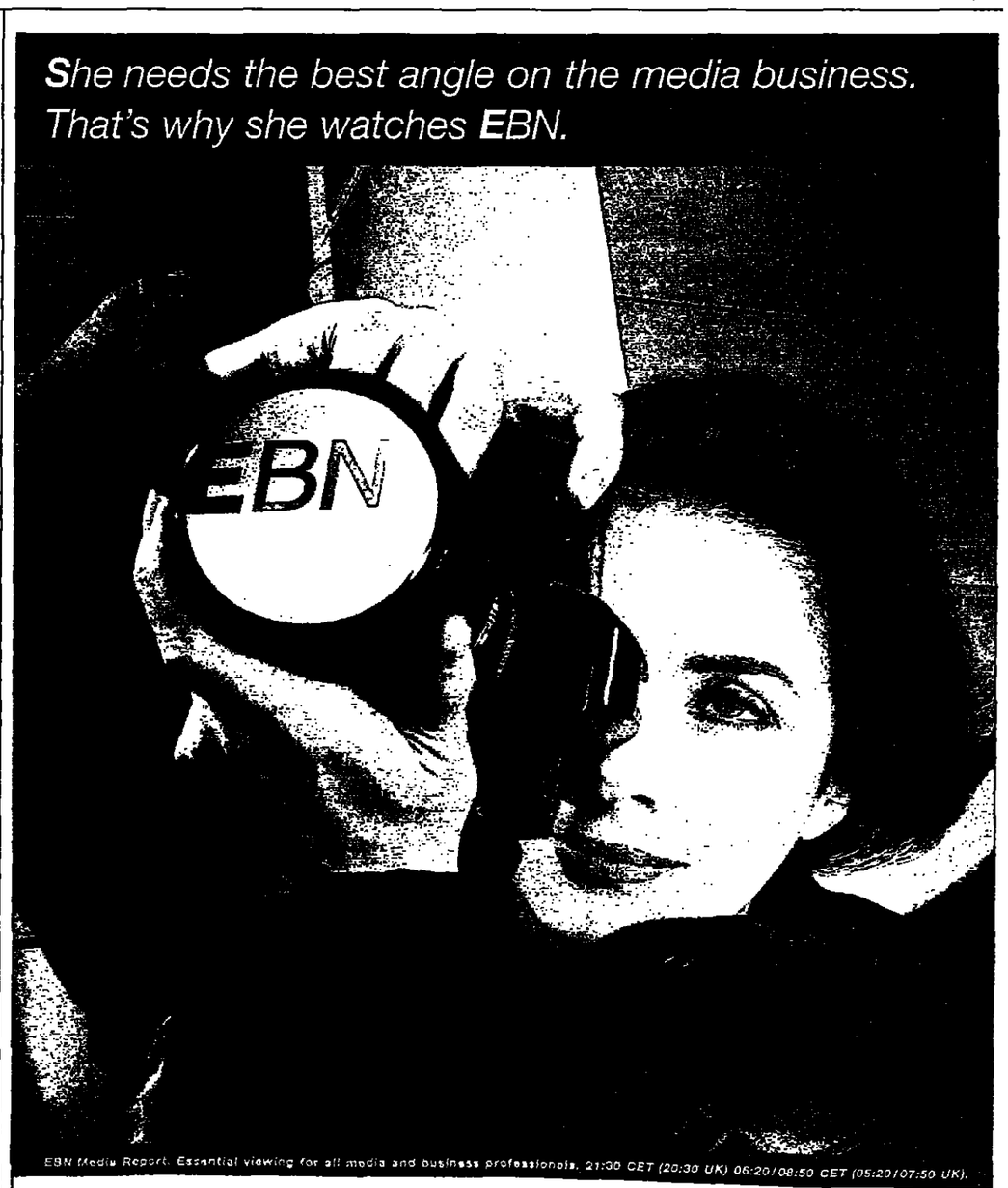


The Rosehill Theatre at Moresby, Cumbria



Corpus Christi and Sidney Sussex boathouse





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Swiss banker who worshipped Hitler commits suicide

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A SHADOWY Swiss banker who spent his life supporting Nazism, defending Arab extremism and bankrolling the legal defence of war criminals and terrorists has committed suicide at his home near Lausanne in front of a group of chosen witnesses.

François Genoud, 81, known as "the Black Banker" for his shady dealings with the world's political pariahs, killed himself last Friday by drinking a fatal cocktail of drugs. His dramatic choice of death, surrounded by members of the suicide-assistance group Exit, has been interpreted as a echo of the suicide of his hero, Hitler.

An unrepentant devotee of National Socialism, Genoud's associates included Wadi Haddad, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was believed to have given funds to various Nazis and neo-Nazi groups as well as Arab extremists.

The son of a wealthy Swiss wallpaper manufacturer and a half-English mother, Genoud was sent, at the age of 17, for education in Germany "to learn order and discipline". His lifelong devotion to the Nazi cause dated from the moment in October 1932 when he met and shook hands with Hitler. "He was my hero. He still is. He will remain one of the greatest men of our time," he recently told his French biographer, Pierre Péan.

Described by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal as "a friend of all the neo-Nazis", Genoud was suspected of involvement in a network to protect fleeing war criminals and of controlling looted Nazi war treasure held in Swiss banks.

Motivated by a visceral hatred of Zionism, Genoud worked as a Nazi counter-espionage agent in Switzerland during the war and went on to control the literary estates of Joseph Goebbels



Genoud: killed himself in front of witnesses

and Martin Bormann. He gave money for the defence of *Adolf Eichmann, the architect* of Nazi genocide, and that of Klaus Barbie, the Lyons Gestapo chief tried in 1987.

Genoud developed a passion for ultra-nationalist Arab movements after travelling to Baghdad in 1936 to meet the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hitler's ally. He supported Palestinian extremists, and set up a bank in Geneva to finance the leadership of the National Liberation Front during the war against French rule in Algeria.

When Ilich Ramirez Sánchez, better known as the terrorist "Carlos the Jackal", was arrested in Sudan in 1994, Genoud flew to his aid, condemning his capture as "the fall of a hero who has dedicated his life to fighting for the Palestinian Arabs".

Remorse was apparently the last thing on Genoud's mind when he took his life last Friday. He joined Exit a year ago, having already told M Péan that he planned to choose the moment of his death "in order to leave in a dignified way without physical deterioration".

"The Black Banker" called his postwar mission to rehabilitate Hitler as part of "global war against Zionism". Between 1956 and 1964 he became the literary agent for the descendants of Nazi officials. He helped arrange the publication, in numerous languages, of Hitler's *Political Testament*.

In 1992 he was reportedly paid £17,000 by the *Daily Mail* for copyright permission to parts of Goebbels's diaries.

His activities earned him the scrutiny of the KGB, the CIA and Mossad. At the time of his death, he faced charges in Switzerland of denying crimes against humanity, but his ability to avoid prosecution remains a matter of speculation. It was often suggested that he had worked for Swiss military intelligence and enjoyed the protection of the authorities.

He recently told friends he was exhausted by his long "battle" and old age, but his suicide was clearly a final act of grim defiance by the veteran Nazi apologist.



Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, finds the negotiations on Nato's future hard going in Berlin yesterday

US and Europe agree Nato role

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

MALCOLM RIFKIND, the Foreign Secretary, expressed satisfaction yesterday that the new European defence identity within Nato has been scaled down in a way that will not sap the relationship between the United States and Europe.

The new alliance arrangement, completed in Berlin yesterday after a late-night bargaining session and more than a year of negotiation, allows the Western European Union to take over the leadership of some Nato operations.

However, the agreement contains many potential pitfalls. America has needed to be reassured at every stage that it is not being elbowed out of Nato decision-making. The French, meanwhile, had grand ambitions for a European pillar of the alliance that would go well beyond the tight corset of the WEU. Both the US and the French gave ground, but there are still some misgivings.

"The British have managed to mediate between the two positions and we have come up with a satisfactory deal," one diplomat said, reflecting a generally upbeat mood among the 16 member states. Even the traditional friction between Greece and Turkey failed to hold up the release of the final communiqué which, in Mr Rifkind's view, now gives Nato "maximum flexibility".

The Foreign Secretary played down the significance of the Western European Union in the new alignment. The union, he said, would "occasionally, from time to time, take the lead using Nato assets with Nato approval". Nato, he emphasised, was the "only credible force" in Europe.

The WEU mission, he said, was restricted to humanitarian assistance, helping refugees and coming to the aid of civil powers. His understanding was that the scope of the WEU "did not include combat missions". French diplomats saw the matter differently. The WEU, in the French view, is still potentially a European fighting force. Since France and Germany want the WEU to be fully merged into the European Union, there is plenty of potential for conflict with Britain.

French officials talked yesterday of the need for "a permanent and visible" European defence identity. Significantly, the phrase was not included in the communiqué. The chief task of yesterday's meeting was to assure America there would be no erosion of its influence within Nato. The Germans were particularly anxious that ammunition should not be given to US congressmen who want to withdraw the remaining 100,000 American troops from Europe.

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Colonel Klink and Sergeant Schultz in an episode of the 1960s television series *Hogan's Heroes*

Germany sees the funny side of war

BY ROGER BOYES

EVERY day the rugged American pilot Colonel Hogan and his fellow Allied prisoners wage a proxy war with the monocled camp commandant Colonel Klink; every day the numskull Germans are outwitted, and every day almost a million German viewers laugh themselves silly.

Fifty years on, the war has become an acceptable subject for television comedy in Germany. On television, at long last, there are jokes to be had about the war.

Until now, German viewers who wanted to giggle about Nazis had to tune into Belgian television where *'Allo, 'Allo* was playing with Flemish subtitles. Now, however, Germans can and do switch on Kabel 1, a private network, to watch *Hogan's Heroes*.

The 1960s comedy series features a group of misfit prisoners of war, conforming to the usual Hollywood stereotypes of prissy Englishmen, cavalier and slightly unreliable Frenchmen, and clean-cut American, who plot against their German captors. Storylines include exploding birthday cakes.

The Germans are either arrogant (Colonel Klink is played by a German-Jewish refugee from the Nazis, Werner Klemperer) or sympathetic boneheads such as Sergeant Schultz, whose main preocupation is schnitzel, sauerkraut, bratwurst and beer.

Why do the Germans laugh when they see themselves portrayed as buffoons? The trick, as *The Wall Street Journal* points out in an analysis of the Hogan phenomenon, is in the dubbing. A first attempt in 1992 to launch the series in Germany flopped because the lip synchronisation was poor. Above all, the German audience was not completely sure it was dealing with caricatures; Sergeant Schultz's obsession with food seemed all too plausible and, well, not very funny. After all, sausages are important.

Rainer Brandt, a top synchronist, was called in. His mission: to make the Germans sound even more foolish. Then viewers would understand that the blundering soldiers were supposed to be figures of fun. Changes were made in the American version, the Germans talk about dumping bombs on London. In the German version, bombs become "condoms" and a sub-plot is introduced, a German attempt to defeat the British by preventing them having babies.

There have been other signs of crumbling taboos. The most important signal came in the release of the most sensitive episode of the television series *Fawlty Towers*.

The episode entitled *The Germans*, in which John Cleese urges his staff not to mention the war to German guests and then proceeds to do so on every possible occasion, was put on ice for years. After a decade of hesitation, however, television planners agreed that the episode could be shown, and that it was even rather funny.

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Grave may yield key to Wild West explorer's death

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ALL that is known for certain is that Meriwether Lewis, the fabled explorer who opened up the American West, died of knife and gunshot wounds on the night of October 11, 1809, in a rough Tennessee inn called Grinder's Stand.

Lewis was deemed to have committed suicide and his mentor Thomas Jefferson concurred, but then rumours began to circulate that Lewis had actually been murdered. Even now, 187 years later, many Americans doubt that a great national hero would have taken his own life and yesterday, in the tiny Tennessee town of Hohenwald, an inquest opened that could finally resolve this mystery.

James Starrs, a noted forensic scientist from George Washington University, is asking a seven-man coroner's jury for permission to dig up Lewis's remains from a nearby grave. He believes that, with the technology of the late 20th century, he can demonstrate conclusively whether Lewis died by his own hand or someone else's.

The amount of carbon on the bones would show the distance from which the shots were fired, for example. The bullets' trajectories would show whether Lewis could have fired them himself.



Lewis: many doubt that he took his own life

Professor Starrs has a long history of digging up dead men and making them tell their tales. In 1989 he disinterred the alleged victims of Alferd (*sic*) Packer and determined, from the knife marks on their bones, that the infamous prospector did indeed survive the winter of 1873 in Colorado's Rocky Mountains by dining on his companion. In 1991 he exhumed Carl Weiss, Huey Long's alleged assassin, to test the theory that Louisiana's infamous Governor was in fact shot by his own bodyguards, who then pumped bullets into Weiss to make him appear the culprit.

Most recently, he opened Jesse James's alleged grave in Missouri and used DNA testing to prove the remains were indeed the outlaw's.

Between 1804 and 1806, Lewis, a daring young Virginian, and a fellow explorer, William Clark, completed the first overland expedition across the untamed continent to the Pacific Coast and back. Jefferson rewarded him with the governorship of the huge new territories acquired through the Louisiana Purchase but his life soon began to collapse. He acquired syphilis, drank heavily and fell into debt.

In 1809, aged 35, he left his St Louis headquarters for Washington and was travelling up the Natchez Trace, the frontier trail linking Nashville to the Mississippi Delta, when he stopped for the night at Grinder's Stand.

Mrs Grinder, the innkeeper's wife, claimed Lewis drank and paced around his room until the small hours when shots rang out. She found him wounded in the head and chest and said that he tried to finish himself off with his razor.

Clark and Jefferson both accepted the suicide verdict. It was suggested that a companion might have killed him, and in 1848 the Tennessee Commission that erected the first monument by his grave wrote that he "died by the hand of an assassin". Professor Starrs will present the coroner's jury with testimony from historians, pathologists and firearms experts and has won the support of 31 Lewis descendants and the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation.

But he is also encountering some strong opposition. "Let the poor man rest," said Stephen Ambrose, the celebrated historian who recently published a biography of Lewis. "This whole business is phoney. Hard as it is to accept that an American hero killed himself, there is no doubt that Lewis committed suicide. Jefferson believes that. Clark believes that. If there were any doubt at all, Jefferson and Clark would have gone to Tennessee to investigate."

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Sacajawea, a Shoshone Indian slave, guides Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their journey west

Squad to counter chemical attacks

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States Marine Corps will unveil an elite new unit this week designed to respond to chemical warfare attacks against American missions and military installations throughout the world.

The Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force, a group of 350 handpicked Marines and sailors, has been undergoing intensive training for some weeks at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. The response teams will be connected by computer to a group of leading scientists, who will offer immediate counsel on how they should proceed.

Joshua Lederberg, president emeritus of Rockefeller University who will head the advisory organisation, has for years been warning Washington about the vulnerability of America to sneak chemical and biological warfare attacks. The Marines are just one element of a counter-strategy which has been in the pipeline since 12 people were killed and 5,500 injured by a nerve gas attack in the Tokyo underground last year.

Despite events such as the Tokyo subway disaster and the bombings in Oklahoma city and at the World Trade Centre, the American public does not appear to see terrorist attacks as a real danger. A recent poll in Washington reported that 72 per cent of the public thought such attacks could happen while only 13 per cent claimed to be seriously concerned.

America has allocated less than $10 million (£6.5 million) over the past two years to help its cities prepare for terrorists. And although Senator Richard Lugar, the Indiana Republican, and Democratic Senator Sam Nunn are drafting a bill to authorise several hundred million dollars more, they are not convinced of its passage.

Tough Los Angeles boys taught to play game with straight bat

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE unlikely sound of leather on willow has come to a state-funded school in one of America's toughest areas. Pupils at Walton Middle School in the gang-ridden Los Angeles suburb of Compton are being introduced to the soothing joys of cricket by a group of volunteers.

Compton is the birthplace of Gangsta Rap, a numbing hybrid of pop music and tribal battle rhythms whose brutal lyrics have been censured in Congress. The suburb also has a homicide level nearly equalling that of San Francisco, a city which has seven times its population.

Undeterred, James Marcel, a British actor, together with a Jamaican coach and a charismatic black activist with a fondness for pith helmets, hosted a two-day cricket training camp on the school's playing field last weekend. Dozens of teenagers for whom gang shootings and drugs are everyday hazards turned up to strap on pads and try to adapt their free-form baseball swing to the baffling business of keeping a straight bat.

"It's like golf and baseball and softball all mixed up," Pauline Mitchell, 13, decided. However, whether cricket proves a panacea for the ills of America's inner cities remains to be seen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Germany's deficit 'too high'

Luxembourg: Germany was added to the list of Europe's economic profligates yesterday when EU finance ministers reviewed members' fiscal performance (Charles Bremner writes).

With a budget deficit of 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product, Germany was among the majority of EU members running "excessive deficits" and risking failure to meet the criteria for monetary union next year. Under Maastricht rules, the budget deficit must stand at 3 per cent or less of GDP.

Albania victory

Tirana: President Berisha's Democratic Party claimed a sweeping victory after winning six out of nine run-off ballots, boycotted by the opposition after widespread fraud in the first round. *(AP)*

Cyprus shooting

Nicosia: United Nations troops manning the buffer zone that divides Cyprus were braced for angry demonstrations after Turkish troops shot dead an unarmed Greek Cypriot soldier in no man's land.

Reformer goes

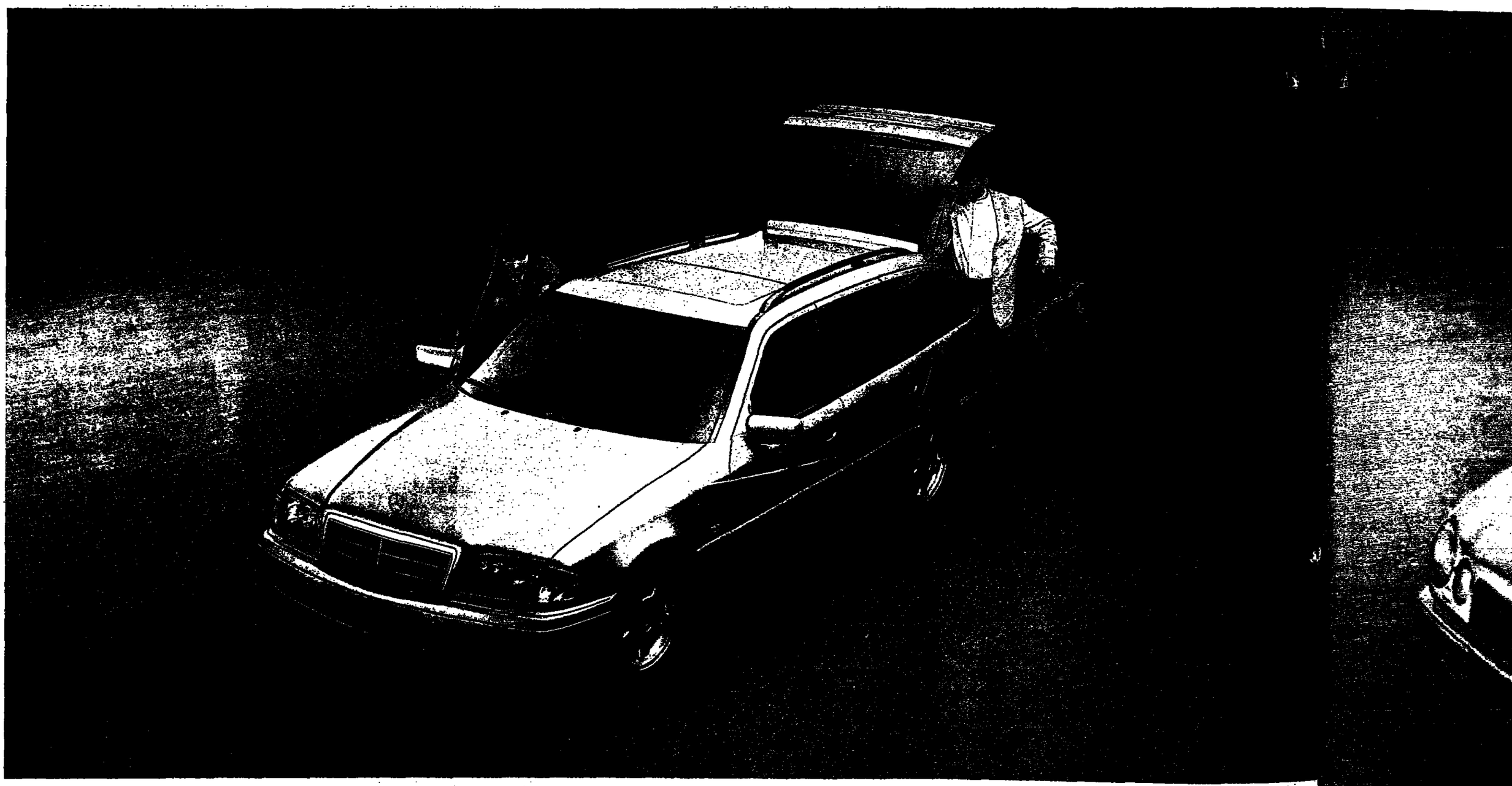
Moscow: Anatoli Sobchak, a founder of the democratic movement, was ousted as Mayor of St Petersburg by his former deputy. Mr Sobchak said the result was a blow for President Yeltsin's reforms.

Iraqi jets burnt

Nicosia: Ten Iraqi warplanes, a helicopter gunship and an ammunition warehouse were destroyed by mystery explosions and fires at an air force base in northern Iraq, an opposition group claimed.

Talk of the devil

Bogotá: A belief that the Antichrist will be born in Colombia on Thursday, the sixth day of the sixth month in a year ending in a six, has provoked parents to queue up to baptise their children. *(AFP)*



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Bahrain arrests 29 in move to foil 'Iran-backed coup'

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

THE tiny sheikhdom of Bahrain, the Gulf's main financial centre and base for the US *Fifth Fleet*, yesterday announced that it had foiled an Iranian-backed coup attempt and arrested 29 of the plotters, some trained by extreme Islamic Revolutionary Guards in Iran and Lebanon.

The alleged bid to overthrow the minority Sunni Muslim al-Khalifa family, who have ruled Bahrain since the late 18th century and are known for their pro-Western stance, came amid an 18-month mass uprising by the Shia Muslim majority, ringleaders of which have also allegedly received backing from the Government of President Rafsanjani in Tehran. *Nearly 30 people have died in* the bombing and rioting which has seriously destabilised the expatriate community, including thousands of Britons.

Muhammad Ibrahim al-Mutawae, the Information Minister, said Bahrain was withdrawing its ambassador *from Tehran* in response to the attempted coup, which he claimed had been designed to stage an armed revolution and install an Iranian-backed revolutionary regime.

Western diplomats said a coup attempt had serious implications because of the danger of any unrest spreading across the causeway which links Bahrain to the Shia-populated eastern province of Saudi Arabia and from there throughout the oil-rich Gulf. The Saudis have been giving Bahrain extensive military support in its battle to subdue the unrest, which has been stirred by Iranian rabble-rousers and by shocking living conditions in the Shia villages scattered all around the gleaming capital, Manama.

"A serious conspiracy has been uncovered which reveals that an organisation known as the military wing of Hezbollah-Bahrain, together with the Iranian authorities, has been plotting since early 1993 to undermine Bahrain's security and stability.", the minister said. "The movement's main aims are to stage an armed revolution to overthrow the Bahrain Government by force and to replace it with a pro-Iranian regime."



Rafsanjani: sympathetic to Shia Muslim revolt

Mr Mutawae gave a warning that the group behind the alleged plot, a previously unidentified wing of Hezbollah (Party of God), the organisation backed by Iran in its fight against Israeli targets in occupied southern Lebanon and abroad, may be still active. He said that all 29 of those arrested were native Bahrainis and some had been picked up while trying to return to the country.

The minister said the suspects had confessed last month and had detailed their links to Iran, which in the past has repeatedly denied any links to the Bahraini unrest. The riots centre around demands for a return of the parliament disbanded by the Sunni rulers in 1975.

Mr Mutawae said the organisation had been founded in the Iranian holy city of Qom in 1993 "under the guidance and the full financial and resource backing of the Iranian authorities and the intelligence department of the Iranian *Revolutionary Guards*".

The simmering revolt among the underprivileged Shias of Bahrain — many of whom allege maltreatment by mercenary security squads recruited from abroad by the ruling family — was sparked in late 1994 when scantily clad fun-runners from among the large Western expatriate community were attacked as they passed the Shia Muslim villages.

Since then, the campaign has escalated with bomb attacks against three luxury hotels, against restaurants used by expatriates and against shopping areas in Manama. There have also been frequent attacks on a wide variety of state-owned targets in the Shia villages where black flags now hang over many of the squalid houses in memory of the self-styled "martyrs" of the riots, which have now become an almost nightly occurrence.

On a recent trip, I found clear evidence of collusion with Iranian elements among the leadership of the Shia revolt. But at the same time, the natural resentment of the Shia underclass provided Iranian recruiters with ready support. The lavish skyscrapers and opulent villas of the ruling class are in marked *contrast to the stinking*, shabby Shia villages.

The Gulf Co-operation Council, of which Bahrain is a *member*, has issued an unusually strongly worded statement against Iran and said that the Islamic republic must not interfere in the internal affairs of GCC states and must not revert to "acts of sabotage and encouraging them". Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mahmoud Mohammadi, later denied that Tehran interfered in the affairs of other countries and said that it followed a policy of friendly relations.

Shamir calls for scrapping of accord

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK SHAMIR, the right-wing former Israeli leader, urged Binyamin Netanyahu, the Likud Prime *Minister-elect, yesterday to* abandon the peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In the strongest sign yet of the pressure growing on Mr Netanyahu to abandon the pragmatism shown in the early comments he has made since his narrow victory over Shimon Peres, Mr Shamir said: "I hope that Mr Netanyahu will not continue along the Oslo framework and will know how to stand up against those who pressure him to abide by this outline. He will need to rebuff these attacks."

In a reference to recent attempts by the United States to influence the election in Mr Peres's favour and subsequently to try to persuade Israel to go ahead with the troop evacuation of Hebron scheduled for tomorrow week, the hawkish former Likud Prime Minister who was defeated in the 1992 poll by Labour, said that some of "our people became accustomed during the last four years to take fright at any threat which came from abroad, even empty ones. There is a need to know how to stand firm and take our own course, and there is especially an imperative to remain loyal to what we want to achieve . . . Only in this way can pressures be withstood."

Although Mr Shamir is not expected to have any position in Mr Netanyahu's 18-member right-wing coalition Cabinet, he is a respected figure to the Israeli Right and was honoured with a place on the podium when Mr Netanyahu delivered his victory speech in Jerusalem on Sunday night.

Mr Shamir's interview with a right-wing and ultra-religious radio station was the first signal that Mr Netanyahu will be facing strong pressures within his own party to press ahead with the promised expansion of Jewish settlements and other election pledges likely to lead to early clashes with the Palestinians.

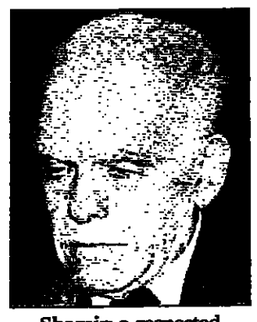


Binyamin Netanyahu, left, Prime Minister-elect, with President Weizman in Jerusalem yesterday after briefing the Israeli head of state on his policies

Mustafa Matche, the Palestinian Mayor of Hebron, has already predicted the eruption of a new intifada there if next week's pullback by Israeli troops does not go ahead as agreed. Yesterday, sources in the internal security service said that attempts to shut Orient House, the PLO's diplomatic outpost in annexed east Jerusalem, could also provoke an intifada.

Mr Shamir called for an immediate end to the Labour Party's freeze on settlements in the occupied West Bank. "This was the most terrible decision the previous Government reached," he said. "Netanyahu and his aides must prepare themselves not to talk about Jerusalem and not to conduct negotiations about it."

Leah Rabin, the widow of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister, said yesterday that she had not really meant it when she spoke about packing her bags and leaving Israel after Mr Netanyahu's election victory. She also had a word of caution for Mr Netanyahu after his speech in which he promised to pursue peace with the Arabs. She said he must "make sure they guard him well and that he takes good care of himself if he really intends to continue the peace process".



Shamir: a respected figure for the Right

☐ **Cairo:** President Assad of Syria said yesterday that the election of Mr Netanyahu could damage the peace process. Speaking at a press conference here with President Mubarak of Egypt, he said: "We have to stay awake so we do not drop our guard or be taken for fools."

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Outsider given task of Mossad revival

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

DANNY YATOM, 51, a former commando and mathematician nicknamed "the Prussian" because of his rigid bearing, became *Israel's new spymaster* yesterday.

His appointment comes at a time when the Mossad foreign secret service is being frozen out of many operations.

As a result of the Middle East peace process and the opposition of Shimon Peres, the outgoing Prime Minister, much of Mossad's activities in Arab countries had been handed over to others.

Israeli intelligence sources say that while Mr Peres was Foreign Minister, he "sought to reduce Mossad's traditional authority over assessments of neighbouring Arab countries as well as African and Muslim countries". They said Mr Peres also discounted Mossad's views, preferring those from his ministry's research division.

Major-General Yatom is the first spymaster to be appointed from outside the organisation in almost 14 years. One of his main tasks, besides reviving the reputation and morale of the agency, will be the fight against Islamic terrorism. His other priority will be to monitor Iran's progress in attempts to obtain the nuclear bomb, and to provide assessments to the incoming hardline Likud government of Binyamin Netanyahu of the practicalities of launching a pre-emptive strike, similar to that launched against Iraq in 1981 by Menachem Begin, a previous Likud Prime Minister.

Mossad's reputation began to diminish after the 1991 Gulf War when Jewish critics blamed it for failing to forecast the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and for not properly assessing the Iraqi threat to Israel.



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London and Bonn join Kashmir hunt for hostage graves

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

GERMAN federal police have sent sniffer dogs to India to search a forest area in the eastern Kashmir Valley for the possible graves of four Western hostages, including two Britons, kidnapped by Muslim extremists last July. A senior Metropolitan Police officer is also to take part in the search.

"This is the beginning of what could be a long process," a diplomatic source said. "We have no hard evidence that the hostages are dead. But we have had disturbing news and we are trying to get to the bottom of it. We are following up all leads. The only way we can make progress is to go to the area where there are supposed to be graves."

The families of the two Britons, Keith Mangan, 34, and Paul Wells, 24, are being kept in touch with developments by the Foreign Office. The two, kidnapped while backpacking, have been held



with a German and an American. A Norwegian captive was found beheaded last August.

The search is based on information from Nasir Mohammed, formerly leader of the Pakistan-based Harkut-ul Ansar extremist Islamic group, which is behind the kidnapping. Al Faran, the kidnapper group, is a Harkut front. Mr Nasir was recently interrogated in the presence of Western diplomats, including British, when he repeated his belief that the men were dead. He said that they were killed in the first half of December — he gave two possible dates — which did not tally with intelligence reports that the hostages spent Christmas in the hills above Kokarnag village, in the east of the Kashmir Valley. According to those reports, the kidnappers bought their prisoners sweets and other presents.

An Indian government source said: "We are not giving much credibility to what Nasir says. We don't believe him."

The search for possible graves is being conducted in the Magam Rakh forest, ten miles from Kokarnag.

The hostages may have spent the winter in the hills, explaining the lack of any sightings. Maulvi Iftakhar Ansari, leader of Kashmir's Shia minority, who has had frequent contact with militant leaders, said he was convinced the hostages were alive.



Sheikha Hasina Wajed, leader of Bangladesh's opposition Awami League, waves to supporters near Dhaka yesterday. She vowed to establish a "flawless democracy" if her party wins the elections on June 12

'Green' elected to clean up Bangkok

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BANGKOK

THE man once seen as the best hope for clean government in Thailand was in the political wilderness yesterday after the capital's voters turned out in record numbers to elect an anti-pollution activist as governor of Bangkok.

Chamlong Srimuang, the ascetic Buddhist founder of the Palang Dharma (Power of Virtue) Party, was defeated by Pichit Rattakul, a bland but earnest former university professor and former member of parliament who ran as an independent. Mr Chamlong had successfully contested the governorship race twice before. But the 60-year-old, who eats once a day and forswears sex, had seen his standing erode since surrendering control of his party to a telecommunications magnate.

Mr Pichit, 49, is the son of Bhichai Rattakul, one-time leader of the Democrat Party, the country's oldest. His campaign promises included building a tram system over city canals, solving traffic and pollution problems, and improving garbage disposal, education and public health facilities.

Chinese avert eyes from site of killings

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

ALTHOUGH many citizens of Peking say that memories of the military crackdown on pro-democracy supporters seven years ago today are beginning to fade, the Chinese recalled the events well enough yesterday to stay away from Tiananmen Square despite the sunny weather.

As well as fewer people, there was less overt security, with fewer police vehicles in sight than on the sixth anniversary.

Peking's citizens are not inclined to spend time on a working day in the square, which is mainly crowded by visitors from the provinces, but motor traffic around the area was also well down yesterday.

There was, nevertheless, a greater presence of plainclothes police on the edges of the square and around areas where foreigners live. But the university district in northwest Peking was very quiet.

A refrain among Peking's citizens is: "Why look for trouble when we have enough on our minds anyway?"

A Chinese businesswoman said: "It is seven years, and it is true that people do not think about the 'six-four' [June 4] as much unless they had a relation killed or detained then. Some people have more money to spend these days, but others have new problems to worry about: perhaps their job in a state-run industry that is laying off staff, or whether they can get a second job. Besides, it is not a good memory; people know what happened, but do not want to talk about it any more."

A Western diplomat who analyses China's domestic affairs said: "Politics is not necessarily high in terms of people's everyday concerns. At the same time, the authorities have things pretty tightly under control."

The police have detained several dissidents, such as the outspoken veteran pro-democracy activist Wang Xizhe who has served 12 years in jail, and are likely to hold them until this potentially volatile anniversary is past. Wang Dan, one of the main figures involved in the Tiananmen protests, was re-arrested at this time last year and is still being held.

Amnesty International said last week that nobody in China was safe from human rights abuses, and spoke of "continued government repression".

That is true, but many Chinese say they are enjoying more spending power now and that they have "little freedoms" such as foreign travel and less political indoctrination for ordinary citizens.

'Defection' by tycoon to Peking

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

C. H. TUNG, an influential shipping tycoon who is tipped to become Peking's chief executive in Hong Kong after the handover next year, resigned yesterday from the Executive Council of Chris Patten, the Governor. Although long expected, Mr Tung's departure may herald further transfers of loyalty to China.

Mr Tung is also a vice-chairman of the 150-member Preparatory Committee, appointed by China to set up the structure of Hong Kong's Government in less than 400 days, and Mr Patten's appointment of him was always seen as a bridge to Peking. In January, when the committee first assembled in Peking, President Jiang Zemin made a point of welcoming Mr Tung.

In his letter of resignation, Mr Tung said that his service on both the Executive Council and the Preparatory Committee created "a conflict of interest" which had become "unmanageable".

Accepting the resignation, Mr Patten said that both men had always recognised "that a point might come when the tensions became too great".

Further defections from the Government to Peking are expected, notably from the Civil Service.

Flush of idealism inspires shanties

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ISTANBUL

THE only real fun at international jamborees is found in the unofficial bit. The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) squat in a shanty town of rickety booths, tatty posters, wacky ideas and child-like idealism completely at odds with the dry Realpolitik of the mainstream.

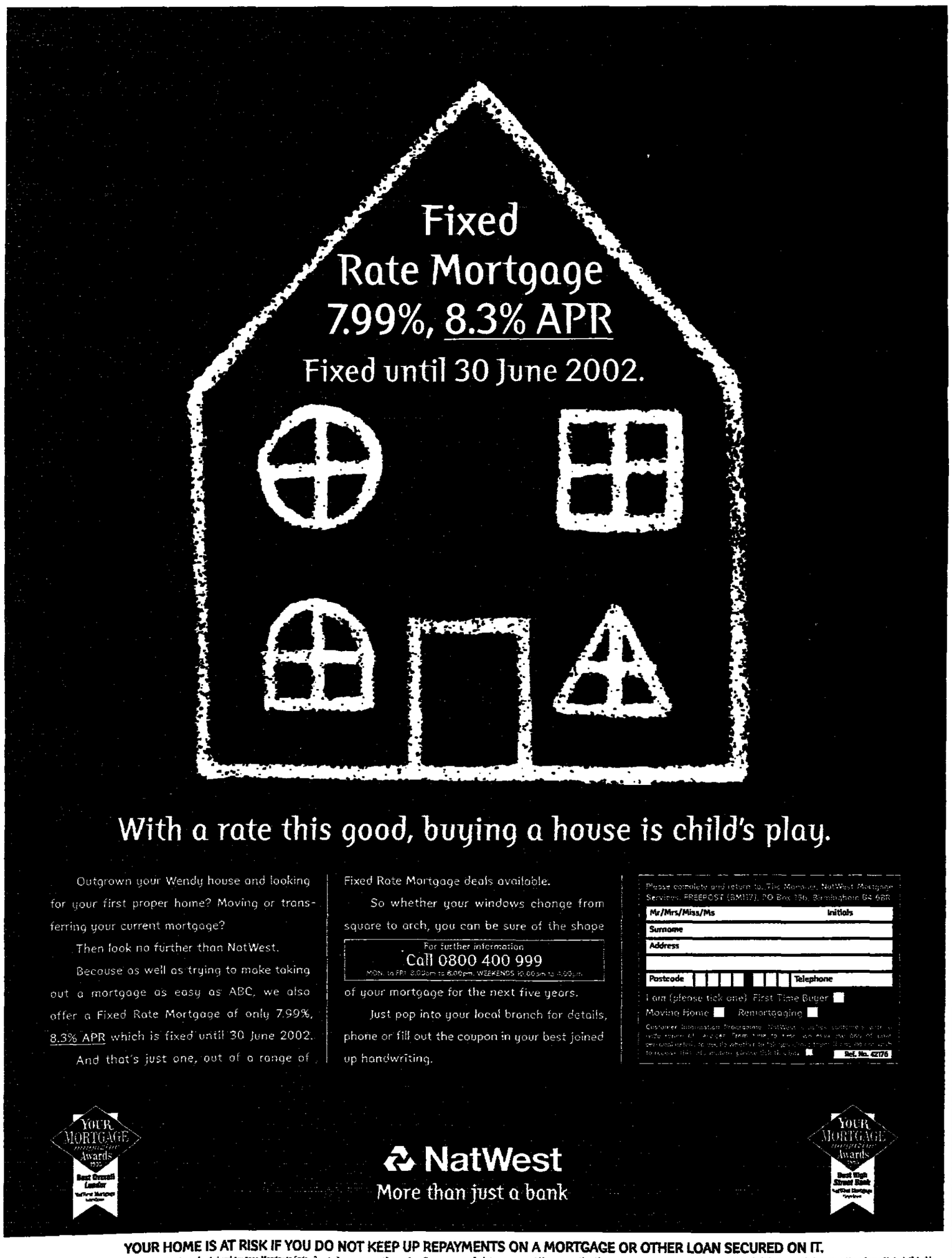
The NGO forum in Istanbul promises to be as eclectic and colourful as the population meeting in Cairo, as politically controversial as the Peking women's conference. Already there has been a row: Turkish police have banned an "alternative" forum for being, well, too alternative and sneaking in ideas about human rights, the Kurds and other subjects mildly embarrassing in Turkey. The police have also been accused of snooping on Turkish lobby groups, ready to pounce as soon as all the United Nations circus has moved on; and the chief NGO co-ordinator has called on the authorities to be "sympathetic" to requests for a reduced police presence.

Opening Habitat II, the last big United Nations conference until the next millennium, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, yesterday defended such global gatherings. "I consider the conferences ... crucial for the determination of the future of life on this planet," he said.

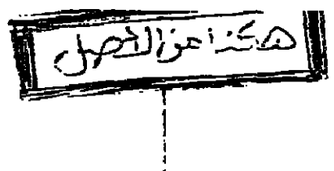
Notices on the whitewashed walls of Istanbul Technical University advertise forthcoming attractions: workshops on "how to co-ordinate community services and strengthen families", "high tech and traditional medicine", "the future and disabled people". There are some rather sybaritic-sounding outings, such as cruises on the Bosphorus, but a closer look shows that all participants will be listening to lectures on how the narrow waterway can limit use by oil supertankers, and how historic buildings along the banks can be protected.

As usual with advocacy groups, the First World meets the Third in head-on clashes of perception. One New York-based women's caucus advertises its workshop on "women, homes and community super-coalition". Underneath, a hand-scrawled note offers a "Bosphorus tour — dinner and belly-dancer".

Among the more technical exhibits can be found learned journals on housing construction in Changzhou (China), case studies on the urban despoilation of fertile agricultural land along the Nile, and solemn booklets on toilet construction and new pay-as-you-use public bath and toilet centres now being erected across the towns of India by the enlightened Sulabh International Social Service Organisations.



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Con artist who forged Vermeers steals the show



When Han van Meegeren's *Gentleman and Lady at a Spinet* was "discovered as a Vermeer", the art world was ecstatic

Ben Macintyre reports from Rotterdam on the greatest art fraud of modern times

ART lovers will look back with nostalgia on the great Vermeer exhibition in The Hague which ends this week, but there are two other simultaneous "Vermeer" exhibitions in The Netherlands that many art experts would rather forget: these tell the strange, true story of the fake Vermeers, the most notorious art fraud of modern times.

In 1932, the international art world was thrilled by the discovery of *Gentleman and Lady at a Spinet*, which, as one connoisseur put it, was "clearly" the work of Johannes Vermeer. Over the next 15 years, five other "lost" works by the 17th-century Dutch master cropped up.

Instead of smelling a rat, scholars heaped praise on the refined brushwork. Hermann Goering, the Nazi field marshal, even bought one.

After the war, an eccentric Dutch art dealer and painter named Han van Meegeren was charged with treason for selling such a gem to the enemy. In the dock, he offered a staggering defence: he could not have collaborated with the Nazis since he had painted not only the "Vermeer" which ended up in Goering's pudgy hands, but all the other recent discoveries as well. No one believed him — until he painted another fake under court supervision.

To coincide with the Vermeer exhibition at the Mauritshuis in The Hague, two other Dutch museums mounted rival, tongue-in-cheek collections of van Meegeren's work, recalling a tale that is both hilarious and sobering.

Born in 1889 in Deventer, van Meegeren was a portrait painter and alcoholic socialite. Infuriated that his etchings of fawns were mocked by the art establishment, he decided in the early 1930s to get his own back by mimicking the style of the Old Masters.

Some years earlier, the then director of the Mauritshuis, Abraham Bredius, had observed that if more early Vermeers had survived they might well depict biblical scenes. So that is precisely what was provided.

Painting over original 17th-century canvasses, van Meegeren cleverly used the type of pigments originally used by Vermeer, mixing them with resin which could resist the alcohol then used to test a painting's authenticity and baking the finished painting to produce surface cracks.

Van Meegeren's *Christ at Emmaus* was hailed as the "art find of the century" in 1937 and bought by the Boymann's museum in Rotterdam for half a million guilders (about £2.5 million at today's prices). His depiction of *The Last Supper* went for more than three times that price to art collector Daniel George van Beuningen, who sold 19 other paintings, including works by Goya and Tintoretto, to pay for it.

Perhaps the most pleasing image from the saga is that of the ghastly Goering gloating over his fake Vermeer, *Christ and The Adulterous Woman*.

Once he had convinced the authorities they were fakes, van Meegeren found himself back in court, accused of fraud. He received a one-year sentence in November 1947.

A con artist to the last, he was found dead two weeks later at the age of 58, apparently of a heart attack, without having served a single day in prison.

But his works, once rejected as embarrassing frauds, are collectors' items. *The Last Supper* was purchased by the Kunsthal in Rotterdam last year for 1.6 million guilders (£45,000). This may be a fraction of the price paid by the hapless art collector back in 1941, but if van Meegeren had been able to command that sort of price in the first place, he would never have turned to forgery.



The fake that Nazi Field Marshal Hermann Goering bought for his collection: a detail from *Christ and the Adulterous Woman*



Master forger Han van Meegeren in the dock at his trial in 1947. He received a one-year jail sentence

Seed of protest lands star on drugs charge

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE actor Woody Harrelson was arrested and charged with drug cultivation after he planted four cannabis seeds in a political protest.

Mr Harrelson, who starred in *Natural Born Killers* and played a dim-witted barman in television's *Cheers*, was advocating the legalisation of hemp, the industrially useful plant, a variety of which produces marijuana. He was arrested in Beattyville, Kentucky, after telling police of his intentions and plans to stand trial amid as much publicity as he can muster.

Hemp is effectively banned in Kentucky and across America by a 1937 tax law which reflected historical fears that farmers would harvest it not for industrial purposes but for the production of marijuana, which is made of dried hemp leaves and flowers.

Agricultural lobbyists have argued for a repeal of the law, saying that hemp is a productive and lucrative crop. It can be used in the production of paper, nappies, rope, carpet, oil and birdseed, among other things. It is grown legally in other countries, including Britain.

When Mr Harrelson was arrested he was wearing a shirt, hat and trousers made from hemp; it was, he said, an adaptable plant.

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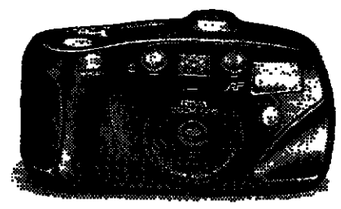
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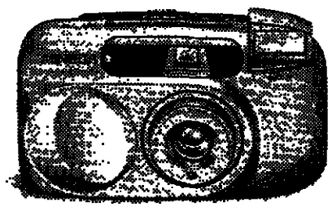
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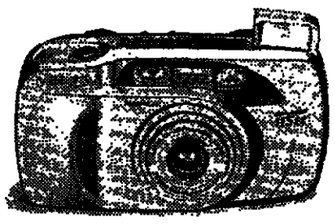
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Out of the stone age

IN THE Western world, one in five people over 65 has gallstones. Often stones cause no trouble, but sometimes they are associated with a chronically diseased gall bladder. A stone may become stuck in a duct leading from the gall bladder, where it causes pain — biliary colic — of increasing severity felt in the upper abdomen under the right ribs, and often in the back below the right shoulder blade. With the pain may come nausea and vomiting.



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It is a comforting thought, therefore, that whisky and water in moderation reduces the chances of developing gallstones. However, this advantage can be offset if the spirits are diluted with sugary drinks. The sugar in bitter lemon, tonic etc upsets the delicate chemical balance that prevents stones forming in the bile.

It has also been suggested that gallstones are more likely to be found in people who have irregular meals. Regular eating stimulates the gall bladder to release its bile, preventing the conditions that favour stone formation.

When gallstones are associated with chronic infection of the gall bladder, cholecystitis, they frequently cause indigestion. This indigestion, brought on by eating, is usually described as upper abdominal pain associated with flatulence and nausea. The same symptoms can be brought on by many other conditions, but a painless ultrasound examination detects 95 per cent of gallstones. Stones may also become lodged in a duct, resulting in jaundice or acute liver infection.

The debate in the past about the treatment of gallstones centred on whether to remove the gall bladder. Now, discussion on gall bladder surgery revolves around the desirability of keyhole laparoscopic surgery. A report reproduced by the Royal College of Surgeons concluded that there was evidence that patients return to work earlier, have less post-operative pain and a very small scar after laparoscopic surgery, but that there was a greater risk of bile duct injury, which can have serious consequences.

Mr Brendan Devlin, the consultant surgeon, who is director of the Department of Epidemiology at the Royal College, says that gall-bladder surgery was changing even before laparoscopic surgery was introduced. The three-to-four-inch incision for the operation which divided muscles and nerves, and caused much post-operative pain, has now been replaced by mini-laparotomy. In the modern operation the use of specially designed instruments allows the muscles and nerves to remain intact, reducing post-operative complications.

Mr James Wellwood, a surgeon at Whipps Cross Hospital, east London, who is an expert in laparoscopic surgery for gall bladder disease, has written in the journal *Monitor* that 80 per cent of his patients who have minimally invasive surgery leave hospital the day after the surgery, and are back at work in a fortnight.

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Media leader: Anna Wintour, the Editor of *Vogue*

Britons who matter in Manhattan

THE TIMES DIARY — 90s guide to HIGH SOCIETY — DAY 2

After years of drift, British accents are being heard in the smart corners of New York once more.

At the start of the Eighties, to be British here was to be a curiosity. By 1990 things had soured to the point where we were openly disliked, perhaps in return for the silly anti-Americanism of some of the British press in the Eighties, perhaps because liberal New Yorkers were slightly scared of Margaret Thatcher.

Now it is all right again to say "tom-ah-to". Culturally we are "boxing above our weight", as Douglas Hurd might put it, and discreet plans are being made for a "Brits Salute New York" festival. It is being organised by Sir Tim Bell's Manhattan associate, Alan Capper.

One reason for the British revival is the domination of New York magazines by British women. There is Liz Tilberis at *Harper's Bazaar*, Tina Brown at the *New Yorker*, Anna Wintour at *Vogue* and, coming shortly, Glenda Bailey at *Marie Claire*, editors with imperious airs and budgets to match Third World banks. Add a pair of trousers to that lot and you get James Truman, a former British rock music writer who doesn't get much sleep and is deathly pale, but who was appointed by the mighty S. I. Newhouse to be editorial director of Condé Nast magazines. In a media town like New York, that is similar to being king in Tonga. Wherever Truman goes he is surrounded by grunting sycophants, jesters, food tasters and tribal lovelies.

Brown has been particularly good to the Brits. Her pages resound to names such as Kenneth Branagh, Tony Blair and Martin Amis, and when the Royal Shakespeare Company was on Broadway recently she gave them a grand lunch. This sort of pomp has been vital in reminding New Yorkers that, besides Israel, there is still a world worth looking at east of the Statue of Liberty. She may currently be too leggy to be a Dame, but Brown deserves a gong.

Wall Street is another Brit-rich zone. Top of the pile is Consett-born Deryck Maughan, chairman and chief executive of Salomon Brothers. The vast securities house was in trouble before Maughan was appointed in 1991 to replace mercurial John Gutfreund. Things were not easy at first for Maughan and his Hawaiian wife, Vaofua, but they have overcome local envies.

James Grant, of Morgan Guaranty, brother of actor Hugh, is regarded by contemporaries as one of the rising names in finance. "Better looking than Hugh — and a better actor!" says a friend. Another fizzer is Piers Playfair, son of the late stage historian Giles Playfair and himself potentially one of the richest players downtown. Playfair has set up a much coveted South American hedge fund worth some $400 million. When he talks about money he blinks with pleasure. If Hugh Grant comes through town he is regarded as "Jamie's little brother".

People know the former Tory Cabinet minister Lord Gilmour as "Andrew's dad" when he swings by. Andrew Gilmour, by day, is a rising political adviser in the United Nations secretariat, working below another Brit, Under Secretary-General Marrack Goulding. By night, Gilmour and his wife Emma sweep through the smart parties in Greenwich Village. In the same salons you find Jo Colman, one of the Norwich mustard Colmans. Colman has adapted easily to the New York life, weekending in the Catskill Mountains by winter and in the Hamptons by summer.

Brits who have found the right mixture of informality and ambition range from the big, bustling media executive Howard Stringer — incorrigibly cheerful and Welsh — to the superwaif Kate Moss. There is John Tugwell, Nat West banker and generous backer of public universities in New Jersey, there is the former JP Morgan chief executive Sir Dennis Weatherstone, and there is redheaded, cool-browed Anthony Talbot at Cazenove, the British stockbroker.

If intellect is your thing, take Thatcher's confidant John O'Sullivan, editing the irrepressible *National Review*. At the other end of town, politically, is that highly charged British class warrior and historian David Cannadine, teaching at Columbia.

Tradition is represented by Sir Winston Churchill's granddaughter Edwina Sandys, a successful sculptress, and by Viscount Margesson, son of Churchill's Chief Whip. The septuagenarian Lord M rides into town by bus from his lovely upstate home and earns useful pocket money doing radio advertisement voiceovers. In life's club lounge, meanwhile, is the debonair James Sherwin, late of the Savoy and now running Manhattan's best hotel, the Carlyle (it is the Princess of Wales's favourite). In the same part of the Upper East Side are thirtysomething spinsters Ghislaine Maxwell and Lucy Clive, breaking hearts for England.

You will not find British expats marching on Congress or practising *omerta* or plotting mutual advancement in the bagel shop queue. They are quite unlike any other ethnic group. There is no St George's Day march down Fifth Avenue nor British anti-defamation group, partly because they might consider it vulgar, but more likely because they are all too hard at work, making money.



Brown: helped revival



Truman: ex-music writer



Maxwell: breaking hearts

If a Manhattan Henry Higgins were to give advice to an incoming Brit, he would counsel arrivals to discard the old school tie but polish the accent. A short burst of the Queen's English still works wonders. Do not tell jokes against yourself — the Americans really do value self-esteem. Nor should you try the loud effing and blinding which is thought amusing in British upper-middle circles. Beware of overdoing it on the liquid intake front, too. New Yorkers get a little fretful if you ask for a third drink.

Last: practise your self-advancement techniques. There used to be a story about two Englishmen on the desert island who never exchange a word because, well, they have not been introduced. In this town, kiddo, you have to march down the beach and say "hi" for yourself. In Manhattan you don't inherit your name. You make it.

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Tory MP and the new bonkbuster

Phillip Oppenheim is credited with introducing the MP Rod Richards to divorcee Julia Felthouse. Alice Thomson met him



MARTIN BEDDALL

Phillip Oppenheim: "I have no illusions about being a Cabinet minister. You can't have any private life. You have to be so boring. I would rather be a jack of all trades"

The young minister with the piercing blue eyes stood outside his Gloucestershire farmhouse in his faded Fred Perry T-shirt, his blond hair ruffled by the wind and his strong jawline shown to advantage as he called his dog to heel. His muscles were taut after a hard day's work in the fields. He frowned slightly as he remembered that soon he would have to tackle his red boxes.

Phillip Oppenheim could be the hero of his forthcoming bonkbuster novel as, barefoot, he leads the way across the flagstones to his country kitchen where he has made scones and jam for tea.

Mr Oppenheim, readers of the Sunday newspapers may recall, is the MP who introduced his friend Rod Richards, the Welsh Office minister, to divorcée Julia Felthouse, setting in train the affair which has now forced Mr Richards to resign.

Born with the sapphire spoon of Conservative aristocracy firmly clenched between his perfect teeth, Phillip is the only son of the glamorous former minister Lady Oppenheim, and became an MP at the tender age of 27.

He has been voted most romantic MP of the year, went to Harrow and Oxford, is a superb sportsman and could play chess with Kasparov. He also has a substantial stash of money, having set up a successful publishing company in his early twenties. At first glance, Mr Oppenheim seems the dream of every unattached Commons secretary.

So why should this Tory wunderkind risk his career by writing a lightweight, heavy-breathing, lowbrow Westminster bonkfest? Wouldn't a serious tome about Japanese competitiveness, for instance, have been more appropriate?

In fact, Mr Oppenheim has already written a heavy volume on the emerging Asian tigers. The origins of his new work lie on the flip side of his political persona.

The 40-year-old minister is also a new blue lad, a Tory yob, a heckler from the backbenches, a ranter from the front — and a chaser of Tory skirt, whose antics with a Page Three girl landed him in the tabloids, although his bachelor status made all that totally legitimate.

It only takes minutes at the farmhouse to discover that he is no stiff-upper-lipped pillar of respectability. His mongrel dog is called Vomit rather than Victory. He keeps stacks of Aramis aftershave rather than wellies in his downstairs lavatory, and he has a pin-up of a girl on the fridge.

As we sit by the fire, it is obvious he enjoys gossip and raucous stories as much as discussing the intricacies of his job at Trade and Industry. He or his friends have tried out all the chat-up lines (and the bars) in the book and he claims they work. He offers an example: "Remember my name, you'll be whispering it later."

Sex, drugs, booze, blackmail

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and baboons: his novel, *On the Floor*, has everything apart from romance. "I've never been very good at that one. My idea of romancing a girl is definitely a film and a pizza," he says.

At one stage in the novel, a cannabis-smoking Tory MP gets stuck up a tree in Zimbabwe, and is apparently unable to return for a crunch Commons vote. Then there is the drunken Tory backbencher who celebrates a libel win by having sex in handcuffs.

Of course, there are several gorgeous, pouting women in the book. His character Alex Lyzard, a journalist — *the names leave nothing to the imagination* — spends more time on the floor with MPs' secretaries than on the floor of the House gathering information. "The women are the kind I fancy: intelligent career-women, gutsy but sensitive with long legs," he says. *One of them is a Times* political reporter (there are only two of us in the Commons) who is having an affair with a minister. But Mr Oppenheim reassures me: "The characters are all composites inspired by more than one person, a mish-mash with twists added from my own imagination. If you're very lucky," he adds, "I can always add you in."

Only a few real-life characters enter the book, but what will Mr Heseltine think of being described as looking like the last hairdresser to leave the Streatham Locarno as the *lights are turned off*?

"Although my book has been trailed as a raunchy bonkbuster, sadly it is not. I would have to tax myself too much," he says modestly.

"This is a slightly satirical comedy of manners. Where most political novels make out *Westminster is glamorous, mine is about the seedier end*, and is more realistic. It shows that politics works more by cock-ups than conspiracy and tries to highlight the emptiness of much political debate at the moment."

Mr Oppenheim claims that telling it as it is will go down well with his political masters. "Heseltine has a very good sense of humour. I also showed the book to a senior whip who gave me advice on antics in the Whips' Office. The tale is not particularly anti-Government. I would love John Major to read it."

On the Floor has not been written for the money alone. Mr Oppenheim has literary ambitions, and is taking his new vocation as seriously as his political conquests. "I wanted to create three-dimensional, interesting characters and raise serious issues in an amusing way," he says. "I love writing."

He started this novel during the Maastricht debate, tapping away on his computer late at night while waiting to follow the Government's forces through the lobbies. He has devoted all his holidays over the past year to polishing the would-be masterpiece. "Trade in Japan was a piece of cake compared to this," he explains. Agents haggled over the result and the book is going to auction this week. It should be published by the end of the year.



DONALD STEWART



Julia Felthouse and Welsh Office minister Rod Richards (right, canvassing): Phillip Oppenheim brought them together

Mr Oppenheim has a majority of only 712 in his coal-mining Amber Valley constituency, and cannot be too optimistic about his chances of retaining his seat at the next election. So would he mind being remembered more for his twin reputations as a lothario and a literary lion, than for his dynamic style at the dispatch box?

"At the end of the day, however good you are in the House, you are forgotten by the next election," he says. "Also I have no illusions about being a Cabinet minister. You get no time off at all and can't have any private life. You have to be so boring. I would rather be a jack of all trades."

But ask him whether he would prefer to be Kenneth Clarke, his former boss, or Jeffrey Archer, and there is a long pause. "I'd love to end up with Jeffrey Archer's lifestyle, but I'd prefer to be Kenneth Clarke. He is a wonderful man, a real lad who can drink a beer, but is extremely intelligent and he has stuck to his principles and really made a *difference to this country.*"

If Mr Oppenheim's gamble pays off he will have made some money and raised his profile as a talented all-rounder by the 21st century. He will then be well placed to be returned to the Commons by blue-rinsed literary enthusiasts, *having probably missed* five miserable years in Opposition. After all, Douglas Hurd did no harm to his reputation by writing thrillers when a middle-ranking minister.

But he may have got it wrong. In five years' time, Mr Oppenheim will be 45. That *blond hair will be a little* thinner, that jawline a little flabbier, those chat-up lines a little more tired, and the book a little too raunchy. He will see his young colleagues, such as William Hague, strutting the political stage, and he might wish that he had become a boring Cabinet minister rather than a dashing new lad.

Who's afraid of an under-ten?

Giles Coren finds Labour's proposed curfew for children provokes derision among East End parents

Jack Straw has had a bizarre vision of Britain. Just as John Major envisaged a Britain of 1950s values, cricket and warm beer, so the Shadow Home Secretary has tuned into his own imaginary society. For when was the last time you saw an eight-year-old boy being chased down a city street by a policeman?

Remember? The copper was wearing huge shoes and a blue helmet, waving a truncheon and shouting: "Hoi, stop there!" But Dennis the Menace ran on, with a wink and a thumbs-up to readers.

Mr Straw's proposed curfew for the under-tens, however, is intended for the comic's readers, not its characters. And on the very real streets of east London this week, the martial law for minors is being met with derision.

"Nine o'clock, *is he nuts?*" laughs Jaynee Milton, who is with her sons Paul, ten, and Gary, eight. "I have the kids in by *seven every night* — for their own safety, not anyone else's. It's the teenagers you want to watch. They're bullying the children and stealing their money — it happened to you didn't it, Paul?"

Paul nods. "They don't care about the police anyway," he says. "They're not afraid of anyone."

But it is not them that Mr Straw is after. When the curfew was first mooted it seemed to echo measures taken against under-17s in America. But Mr Straw has made it clear he is after an even younger group of hoodlums.

"I can see *his point*," says Eileen Moss, a 53-year-old widow who is bringing up her grandchildren, aged seven and ten. "But it is sad that he thinks you need the police. I've been on this estate 40 years, and when my daughter was a little girl there were caretakers in all the blocks.

> 'Once you have a situation where a couple don't give a toss where their child is, then that kid is lost for ever'

They used to send all the kids home, and give them a clip round the earhole if they made trouble. But the police? That's a bit heavy, isn't it?"

It does seem to be, considering that the age of juvenile reponsibility for crime is 10 to 17. The Home Office does not even have statistics for disturbances caused by children *younger than that.*

"It's because they can't catch the proper hooligans that they want to go after the babies," says publican Geoff Cates, whose nine-year-old daughter is playing with some friends behind the pub. "I have Cindy indoors, at least in the pub, by eight o'clock in the summer. It's no good the police picking up a lad in the middle of the night and fining his parents. Once you have a *situation where a couple don't* give a toss where their child is, then that kid is lost for ever. He'll be the one slashing tyres in my car park, and stealing from the corner shop. If I see one of them I'll see to him myself, but if the police take him away, he's back next day. The law can't touch *him.*"

"Yeah, the law can't do nothing," chuckles a boy who won't tell me how old he is, or *his name.* And if he won't tell me, why should he tell a policeman? "I wouldn't. I'd pretend I was ten." Fooled him, but it is a hollow victory. "I don't do bad things anyway. *I just stay out with my* mates playing football. And if we break a window we run."

Hardly sounds like a case for the Sweeney. How late, exactly, do these felonious activities occur? "About eight o'clock. I'm not allowed out after that — if I'm late I get a slap, so it's not worth it."

Mrs Moss says: "I think Jack Straw is in a dream world if he thinks our problems are down to children *under the age of ten. When I* was a girl, over in Stepney, it was the parents used to go round and give the kids what for — but if I saw anyone talking to my two I'd have something to say to him. You never know, with all the perverts around. Things have *changed. If you're going to* have a curfew, it's the grown-ups you want inside."

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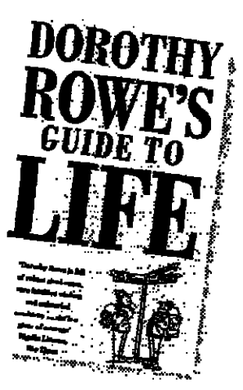
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Why the V&A didn't play it safe

The new extension is not ugly but brave, says **Robert Armstrong**

In his article of May 27, William Rees-Mogg was fiercely critical of the trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum for the choice of Daniel Libeskind as the architect for the proposed new V&A building, intended to house its collections of applied arts and crafts in the 21st century. He wrote: "The proposed building is intended to be an anti-building, working out a 'deconstructionist' theory of art in its architectural form. It is not therefore ugly by accident: it is ugly because that is what the architect wants it to be."

His article contained some extremely generous observations about me personally and about my record as a public servant. William and I are (as he says) old friends, and I value and am grateful for his good opinion. I am only sorry now to be disagreeing with him, and, I fear, disappointing him.

He very fairly says that he would not particularly trust my judgment on visual matters. I would not particularly trust my own unsupported judgment on such matters either. I am not sure that I would look to William himself as a leading authority on visual matters, but let that pass. The point is that neither of us has to rely on my unaided judgment in this matter.

> Libeskind respects the culture and purpose of the museum

The choice of architect for the new building was made unanimously by the trustees, on a unanimous recommendation by a committee which considered proposals from eight architectural practices. On that committee, two of the trustees and several senior members of the staff (including the Director) were joined by two eminent architects, Sir Philip Dowson and Sir Colin Stansfield-Smith. We may all be wrong, of course, but public comment has shown that a considerable number of people welcome and support our decision.

It was advisedly that in my letter to *The Times* on May 24 I described Mr Libeskind's model as a "design concept". We were choosing an architect, on the basis of a first and outline design, illustrating a concept. The concept will be refined and the design modified and developed before it is submitted for planning consent. Mr Libeskind is not committed to the detail of the existing model, but he is committed to the concept. I am glad that William Rees-Mogg has accepted an invitation to come and see the design model for himself and discuss it with the architect in person.

The design is eminently practical. It relies on tested construction techniques. It meets all the requirements of our brief in terms of usable space and access. The V&A is already something of a medley of architectural styles, with which we have become so familiar that it no longer provokes comment. Mr Libeskind can explain how he sees his design fitting in and linking, visually as well as physically, with the other buildings on the site.

To say that Mr Libeskind is a "deconstructionist" (whatever that philosophical term is supposed to mean when applied to an architect whose business is design for construction), to couple his name with that of Chairman Mao, to imply that his design concept is deliberately intended as a statement that "the culture of truth and beauty for which the V&A stands is dead lumber": all this is untrue and unfair.

Some of the criticism of the design has, I know, been regarded by some people as sadly reminiscent of the language used by the Nazis in the 1930s when they described contemporary art and architecture as "degenerate art", though I am sure that that was not William's intention. For what it is worth, I should not have given my support to an architect and concept of which I thought that such things could fairly be said.

Mr Libeskind certainly does not believe in mimicking or designing a pastiche of old styles. On the other hand he has never been regarded as a "modernist" or "post-modernist" architect. He is known as an architect with a continuing commitment to humanistic values and to the preservation and memory of historical art and architecture. He has approached his task for us in a spirit of respect for the culture and purpose of the V&A, and with an understanding of what museums are all about. Nor would this be the first museum building he has designed to live alongside other buildings in older and more traditional styles.

The V&A is not just about the promotion of scholarship and the study of the history of design, important though both those purposes are. It exists also to encourage and display contemporary aspects of applied art and design. In deciding what kind of building to put into the Boilerhouse Yard — the last opportunity for new building on the V&A's South Kensington site — there is an important choice to be made, a choice not only for the museum but for South Kensington. We could play safe and choose a thoroughly conventional design which would in some sense imitate and so harmonise with its immediate neighbours. The trustees have preferred to choose an architect who will give us a building in a contemporary and forward-looking style. This choice exemplifies the museum's commitment to the encouragement of contemporary design.

Such a building will contrast with rather than imitate its immediate neighbours, but it will also enhance them. We are confident that it will be a good design, which will live alongside the other buildings in Exhibition Road, each by its own strengths and virtues enhancing the others, and together making up an urban environment the more vigorous and lively for the diversity of styles.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster is chairman of the V&A's board of trustees.



"This should keep them off the streets."

Grounded in the Arctic

Air travel rarely broadens the mind, but a stop on Baffin Island surely would

Libby Purves

For 15 hours of last weekend, 20th-century mankind was most beautifully and completely symbolised by 368 people wandering around aimlessly on Baffin Island with Virgin Atlantic blankets draped around their shoulders. I count myself accursed I was not there. For as we reported yesterday, Flight 007 from London to Los Angeles, on the high northern route, was forced by a passenger's heart attack to divert to Iqaluit airport on Baffin Island. It was kept there for 15 hours while passengers and Inuit looked thoughtfully at one another and exchanged hard currency for fizzy drinks.

What could better sum up the strangeness of modern life, the greatness and the littleness of mankind? One single, feeble, beating muscle deflected hundreds of tons of roaring metal from a trajectory of unimaginable height and speed. Enormous engineering and financial resources had come together to carry affluence and royalty (Prince Michael of Kent was aboard) from one glittering city to another; all were set down peremptorily in a frozen wilderness. The lost travellers did not even have warm jackets, because they were bound for LA and therefore the Arctic regions they crossed did not exist for them. In a translation worthy of fairy-tale, these fortunate people were whipped from one reality to another. At least, most of them were: it is dismally typical of the way that minor royalty lives that the only one to escape reality was Prince Michael, who bummed a lift on a commuter jet. The others were left in Iqaluit, and I can think of no more salutary experience.

Imagine it: their world was a suspended bubble of bland Anglo-American comfort, with headsets and laptop computers and plastic food. On such a plane you are not aware of the world that streams below you, dragging your destination closer. Perhaps it would be too frightening to think about. Your reality is the dull hum of the engines, the deliberately bland food, the dull film, and the in-flight magazine skilfully purged of all disturbing matter, every article assuming boundless affluence and optimism in the reader. Imagine the almost mythic power of the moment when that reality dissolved to leave the passengers in a cutting wind, staring at real reindeer and dependent on Eskimos. Given that the flight was bound for California, the odds are that some of them are already in therapy over it.

Of course, diversions are as much a part of modern airline travel as the faint, all-pervading smell of scented lavatory disinfectant. But unscheduled landings are usually at characterless international airports, with uniform hotels. This far northern route is more strange and unacknowledged. In the days when planes had to refuel in Arctic regions, there was presumably a general consciousness of geography among air passengers. Today there is virtually none. Flying to California, years ago, I looked out of the window and saw, in the full moon's light, icebergs a mile below. When I incredulously asked the stewardess, she wearily said "Yeah, suppose so", and returned to the alternative reality of the duty-free trolley. My neighbour in the next seat wouldn't even look, but shrugged uneasily. I, being young, was exhilarated by the surreal experience of drinking tea up in the sky in the middle of the night and without even a cardigan on, a mile over Baffin Bay. The oddest thing was that nobody was admitting it.

It was even stranger — after painstakingly sailing the Atlantic at six knots in a yacht, taking daily sunsights for a month to make sense of the terrible featureless vastness — when I flew straight home. The jumbo headed east exactly one hundred times faster than we had struggled west. On that flight, looking down at a distant, wrinkled, irrelevant ocean, I resorted to getting drunk rather than think about it, and staggered out of Heathrow into frozen snow in open sandals, not feeling a thing.

Sometimes, in this holiday season, it seems to me that we are all, collectively and deliberately, getting drunk to avoid thinking about it. Saying the kind of things I am writing now marks you out as embarrassingly naïve. Humanity divides into those who never leave home at all, and those who travel without allowing themselves to experience the reality. We hop from place to place, making isolated observations but no real connection. We have not built a global village but a global theme park, where we step from temperate to tropical, desert to downtown, in a few dozing moments. We have not used fast transport to expand our imagination but to hobble it.

There was a time when the prospect looked very different. If you read memoirs of early aviators such as the writer Saint-Exupéry, you will find poetry and worship and above all a sincere belief that this new technology will, by taking man closer to the stars, widen his mental and spiritual horizons. In novels of the 1950s — notably Nevil Shute's stories of passenger aviation — the sense of wonder and danger is intact. Refuelling stops in high latitudes gave post-war transatlantic flying an edge; the newness of the technology meant that aircraft technicians and engineers were depicted by Shute with humanity and even grandeur. To go in a plane was a shared adventure, bringing not only an awareness of the Earth's great curve, but a humble consciousness that you were trusting your fellow-men with your life.

All this has gone. The airlines do not want us to think these thoughts because they might make us nervous. They deliberately turn our attention away from the substance of what they do — which is about real engineering and technology — and focus it on food and stewardesses and car-hire facilities. Rather than have us awed by a consciousness of the vast tracts of ocean and desert we overfly, they artfully keep their public face bland and smiley, and encourage us to think of New York as "only five hours" rather than an ocean away. The result is that — in Britain at least — we have shamefully little respect for engineers and technicians, yet take it for granted that if you hand over enough money (and money is always admired and respected) you can eat breakfast in a blizzard and dive a coral reef that afternoon. Only the occasional crash or hijack brings us back to earth: so we associate any thoughts of the reality of air travel with death and disaster, and avoid them in favour of an unreal focus on free club-class slipperettes and paid-for pampering.

I do not venture to analyse what this is doing to the human psyche, but it is certainly not helping our sense of geography. Every study and anecdote of package tourism suggests that most holidaymakers cannot point to their destination on a map of the world. During the Gulf War, agencies selling British holidays to Americans had numerous cancellations because Britain was dimly perceived to be close to Kuwait. We have retrogressed: to children of Jane Austen's day, a journey from Northamptonshire into Derbyshire was a rarity, yet they might spend hours tracing the source of the Nile in the atlas with real interest. They had a better idea of the world than modern children, who are encouraged in "relevant" geography classes to map their own street, then flown abruptly to foreign beaches with no idea of direction or distance. Is this weird, or am I alone mad?

Seeing this process begin in our own small children, we not only took them extremely slowly along the British coast under sail, but later embarked on a trip by train to Venice and back. It probably cost more than flying, but we felt that the long, rattling boredom of the journey, the slowly unrolling scenery of Alps and plains and rivers, was the only way of drumming into them the diversity and scale of Europe and laying the foundations of an emotional and historical understanding of its peoples and their differences (I dare say the horror of French railway sandwiches also permanently disabused them of the hackneyed British belief that the French all insist on good food).

One or two onlookers said we were mad not to fly. Even railways changed people's perception of the world forever, they pointed out. We are no longer natural creatures, and have not been for generations. Why not cross Europe by ox-cart and canoe while we were about it?

Well, mock on. We might. In an increasingly self-deceiving world some people have to keep their feet on the ground. Apart from the Inuit, that is.

Have we ever had it so good?

Woodrow Wyatt asks why Tories are feeling so low

Conservatives should be feeling happy, but strangely some are not. A Gallup poll this week suggested that the British are now gloomier than they were 30 years ago. Yet house prices, an accepted indicator of Middle Britain's willingness to re-elect them, are rising. They are at their highest for 4½ years, without the inflation which pushed them up so often in the past. A Halifax Building Society spokesman comments: "What we are seeing with the housing market is just the sort of stable recovery we want: it is rising steadily." If the trend continues, the average house price will soon be back to around that of three or four years ago, and moving towards the peak of 1989-90.

The number of house owners with negative equity is diminishing rapidly. Feeling better about home ownership is part of the reason for the advancing consumer boom. Another substantial factor is the recent incentive of lower taxes. Last week the Bank of England reported that demand for credit rose by a record £1 billion in April, after a rise of £700 million in March. Much of the spending has been on new cars, which is cheerful news for car-makers.

Kenneth Clarke has been challenged for his optimism on growth. He appears to be justified. Last week the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said of Britain: "The prospects are good for continued economic expansion and further reductions in unemployment while maintaining low inflation." The pound is now considered to be undervalued, rising against the mark and the French franc. The OECD comments that we "may be becoming more flexible, competitive and less inflation-prone after 15 years of microeconomic recovery".

Again, last week the World Economic Forum assessed Germany's competitiveness as having fallen to 22nd in the world ranking, which is seven places behind Britain. In this field in Europe, Britain has risen to fifth place with only the small countries Luxembourg, Switzerland, Norway and Denmark ahead. Germany and France are in 10th and 11th place respectively, and Spain and Italy are 15th and 19th.

The garden ought to be looking rosy for the Tories. Britain sails ahead without any appreciable danger of unexpected rocks. Even the doubting British must realise, with the price of such items as telephone calls, electricity and gas continuing to fall, that generally the standard of living is rising.

Labour leaders, having opposed most of the measures which achieved this success, are in a difficult position. Persisting in crying that Britain lags behind when it manifestly does not is a churlish and unattractive decrying of their own country. But they cannot be expected to praise our progress, for fear of inviting the question "why should we change to Labour?"

If Labour did a quarter of what it promises, there would have to be far more public spending than there is now, with inevitable harmful consequences for the economy. That is apart from the disastrous effect of adopting the social chapter, with its accompanying extra penal charges on employers. Labour's pledged minimum wage too would damage competitiveness and force small businesses in particular to shed workers. The closer a Blair victory seems, the greater the threat that he will reverse many of the Thatcher union reforms, as he has promised, making strikes easier to start and giving new and costly rights to employees. His reaction if there is a postmen's strike will be interesting.

Tony Blair is in a no-win fix over the beef dispute with the EU. John Major's determination to halt EU business until the ban on our exports is completely lifted reflects popular irritation with the EU. So Blair reluctantly supports him. But the electorate will not forget Labour's general enthusiasm for all things *communautaire*.

Wisely and honourably, Major does not intend a snap election over the beef quarrel, regarding it as above party politics. There will be no election before next spring, which gives plenty of time for the majority of voters to become conscious of their good fortune and anxious not to lose it. Although Julian Critchley and George Walden may threaten to bring down the Government over the beef row, by not supporting John Major in a Commons confidence vote, they would never dare to do so. They would be execrated for ever by the Conservatives.

Nor will the Ulster Unionists deny Major his choice of election date. They know that without his resolute and adroit leadership, the talks on Northern Ireland's future cannot reach a satisfactory solution. He has already won lasting admiration for securing the longest period of freedom from organised terrorism for decades.

So why do so many businessmen assume that Major will not be Prime Minister after the next election? Well, businessmen and political commentators never were much good at judging the political mood.

Green to red

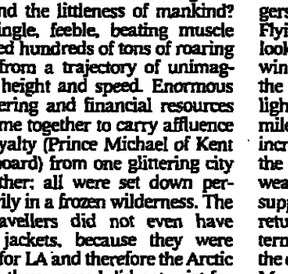
LABOUR has a powerful new recruit: Anita Roddick, founder of the Body Shop chain. Worth a colossal sum from her sales of nettle shampoo and cactus cream, Mrs Roddick has already held talks with Tony Blair about campaigning on ethical business issues. This will be crushing news for the Liberal Democrats, who have regarded her as one of them since she spoke at one of their rallies in 1994.

Tonight the Body Shop is sponsoring the launch of a pamphlet produced by the left-wing Fabian Society entitled *Global Business: Global Rights* by the Labour MP Denis MacShane. Sadly Mrs Roddick will be out of the country. She is understood, however, to have had intensive discussions with the Labour leader's staff on her future role. There is even talk of Blair giving his support to a foundation to be set up by Mrs Roddick to promote her green-tinted view of the world. Her American contacts are believed to be especially highly prized by the Labour bosses.

Roddick's people insist that she will talk to anyone who is interested in her policies, but admit: "She isn't a conservative with either a small or a large C. She is interested in progressive politics." Blair's office is cautious, saying: "She is understood to be well disposed towards new Labour." But others in the party are jubilant. "She is a great coup for us," says one. "She will be a strong voice."



Roddick: Labour coup



● *Excessive zeal on the part of the Welsh Office, which put out an advance press release on Friday trumpeting: "A new award scheme to recognise individuals and organisations who make an outstanding contribution to society through voluntary activity was announced today (11am, Monday, 3 June) by Welsh Office Minister Rod Richards." Unfortunately, Richards resigned on Sunday, and the release also quoted him saying, "If the right relationship can be created there can be nothing but benefits all round".*

Teaser

JOHN REDWOOD'S ascendancy among the Tory Right, detailed in the MORI poll in this paper, will not surprise anyone who has seen him tease Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman. In political terms, this is the equivalent of playing footsie with a Bengal tiger. Redwood is one of the few to have survived.

After his defeat in the leadership election last summer, Redwood was summoned to a meeting with Mawhinney, then new to his post. It was a baking hot day. The chairman sat in shirtsleeves, his office stripped of all decoration.

"So John, any trouble in your constituency I can help you with?" asked Iago Mawhinney. "Funny you ask," replied Redwood. "I have had a spot of trouble." An excited film of sweat appeared on Mawhinney's upper lip. "Nothing serious I hope, John."



"Will I have ammunition for my watercannon at Euro 96?"

"Well, after the leadership vote, I told my constituency that I must accept the democratic decision of the party, abide by it and stand foursquare behind my leader. They were really quite unhappy about this. It was quite a difficult period, but I think we have put it behind us. Anything else, chairman?" Mawhinney smiled weakly before sinking, defeated, back into his chair.

● *Pantomime scenes on the set of* Moll Flanders, *which is being filmed at Little Moreton Hall in Cheshire. In one scene, the actor Daniel Craig was required to ride a horse. So uncomfortable was he about the idea that the film-makers had to improvise. The first assistant director and senior props manager took turns to give Craig piggy-backs. The main problem was recreating the horse's loping step. According to an onlooker, "Craig's porters had to practise jiggling their hips for some time before they got the movement right".*

Memory jog

ALBANIA'S elections are being taken in hand by Bianca Jagger, pop star escort turned international troubleshooter. So far, the polling has been marred by boycotts and hunger-strikes by opposition parties. The European election monitors have left, disgusted by the corruption and fraud. Enter Ms Jagger, who has set up as a one-woman delegation to oversee the whole sorry business.

Having tried her hand at election monitoring in her native Nicaragua, she is unfazed by her task. Over a yoghurt breakfast yesterday she explained how the sheer poverty of Tirana had been brought home to her as she jogged past some rather startled locals in the city's backstreets earlier in the morning.



Bianca: Jogger

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PUTTING BACK BARRIERS

Labour's curfew alerts us to the problem of public order

The call for a curfew from the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, is a valid response to a deterioration in public order. In many urban areas children are left unsupervised, simultaneously vulnerable and potentially disruptive. Anyone who doubts that the problem of delinquency has spread beyond teenagers should consider the recently recorded fourfold increase in the expulsion of disruptive pupils from primary schools. A curfew may be a blunt instrument, but before it is dismissed parents and policy-makers have a duty to consider what can be done to deal with a delicate problem.

Mr Straw has been at pains to stress that the curfew he proposes is very different from the more draconian measures entertained by President Clinton and American policy-makers who face a much more disturbing level of urban disorder. The Shadow Home Secretary wants to see bylaws introduced by local authorities on a pilot basis to ensure that children under 11 are not out, without a responsible figure, after nine o'clock in the evening. If successful in pilot areas, the scheme could be extended.

It would not be the only measure designed to improve the behaviour of young people. The Government would encourage efforts to educate parents on how better to discharge their responsibilities. Local authorities might wish to provide a broader range of activities for the young to ensure that idle hands are not drawn to mischief. These proposals will touch chords with voters who see too many children, deprived of adequate parenting and hostile to authority, drawn into antisocial behaviour.

Mr Straw's suggestions are not a panacea. Any code of parental conduct, however attractively framed or persuasively sold, will often miss those who need it most. Many of the young adults who conceive so carelessly and exercise such poor control at the moment are distrustful of authority and unwilling to assert it. However, there are many parents of disruptive children who are anxious to impose discipline and might be grateful for any outside assistance. The more widely accepted, and practised, the disciplining of the wayward young becomes, the easier it will be for the uncertain parent to restore order within the family. In the past, the conductor might confront the child who swore on the bus while the policeman would feel the collar of the petty vandal. It is necessary, not nostalgic, to restore something of that culture.

A curfew could, in certain circumstances, play such a role. The legal age of consent helps parents to preach restraint, providing a powerful weapon to counter the peer pressure among children to experiment sexually. A local curfew might make it easier for parents to deny the noisy demands to be let out to join the gang. A curfew could also help to identify those parents unwilling to act responsibly and allow pressure to be applied to them not to neglect their children.

But before any measure might be put in place, legitimate concerns would have to be addressed. Senior police officers are sensitive to some of the practical problems, and may be wary about incurring resentment in ethnic minorities and reluctant to devote resources to rounding up children rather than pursuing adult criminals.

Moreover, whatever the merits of the curfew it can only be part of the cure, and attention needs to be paid to prevention. It is almost a truism to observe that the growth in delinquency has followed the decline in the number of children born into stable families, but if the causes of crime are to be tackled then that trend has to be addressed. For generations grown used to ever-greater personal freedom it is difficult to accept new limits to autonomy, but in trying to put back some barriers Mr Straw is only trying to protect the order on which liberty depends.

STILL THE GREAT SURVIVOR?

The Palestinian leader faces his most difficult challenge

Yassir Arafat could be forgiven for cursing his scheduling arrangements as he spoke last night. Following O. J. Simpson as a guest speaker at the Oxford Union Society was bad enough. However, matters were made much worse for the President of the Palestine National Authority (PNA) by the results of the Israeli elections. To be speaking of a Palestinian state in a city renowned as the home of lost causes must have seemed painfully appropriate.

However, it would be unwise to underestimate Mr Arafat or his capacity to meet political challenge. Not without good reason has he become known as the great survivor of the Middle East. For the last three decades the PLO has been under the dominance of the al-Fatah faction and hence Arafat. In the course of that time he has endured expulsion from Jordan in 1970, international repudiation for his terrorist links, and a further humiliating exit from Lebanon in 1983 at the behest of the advancing Israeli Army.

Nonetheless, he continued and steered the PLO five years later to a renunciation of violence, limited acceptance of Israel, and thus enhanced international recognition. Despite a disastrous alliance with Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War, by 1993 Mr Arafat was on the White House lawn for the famous handshake with Yitzhak Rabin. He was received in Oxford as an elected democrat and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Despite this record he is now to encounter his stiffest test. The peace process had already run into trouble before polling day in Tel Aviv. Pressure from radical fundamentalists has badly strained relations with Israel. Suicide bombings forced even Shimon Peres to delay withdrawal of the Israeli Army from Hebron and defer the "final status" discussions. The election of Binyamin Netanyahu represents a much greater threat as, if his previous statements represent policy, he would return Israeli security forces to areas previously vacated, resume a programme of settlement buildings, and block full statehood for the PNA.

Were a Likud government to implement this programme it would amount to a unilateral renegotiation of the Oslo accords — terms which many Palestinians already regard as humiliating. It is hard to see how either the credibility of the Palestine National Authority or the PLO and Mr Arafat could survive the shock. Despite his continued personal popularity, and the belief on the streets that all Israeli leaders are the same, Hamas could be immensely strengthened.

Precisely these reasons can argue against pessimism. Mr Arafat may appear stuck between two sets of hawks, Islamic and Jewish, but he has the ability to play them off against each other. With the demise of Labour, he finds himself in the unusual position of de facto ally of the Americans. As so often before, long time opponents such as Mr Netanyahu face the dilemma that bringing Mr Arafat down might usher in something far worse. Likud may decide that, distasteful though it finds it, dealing with the PLO is better than engaging Hamas, Hezbollah or President Assad of Syria. The tone of both the new Israeli Prime Minister on Sunday and Mr Arafat last night left room for some sort of relationship between the two. The great survivor may yet come through this latest crisis in rather better shape than many predict. After all, Oxford is the home of dreams as well as lost causes.

FOOTBALL CRAZY

Sporting superstars need discipline off as well as on the pitch

Football is a violent game, more accurately described as a collision than a contact sport. Nobody expects the gladiators who play it at the highest level to be statesmen or saints, or even mythical Corinthians of the legendary old school, for whom playing up and playing the game was more important than winning. That is not what they are paid millions for. But the latest bad behaviour by the supposedly grown men of the England squad confirms a depressing image of English football after its age of innocence.

That impression is not so much of lions led by donkeys as of hippopotami managed by hypocrites. The extravagantly boozy and shirt-stripping 29th birthday party for Paul Gascoigne in a Hong Kong nightclub was worse than outrageous. It was idiotic, because it was in public and therefore photographed and sold to the newspapers, thus signalling a humiliating message to the millions for whom Gazza and his teammates are heroes. And it does not inspire confidence in England's discipline or fitness on the field a fortnight later in the most important football championships to be held in this country for 30 years. The drunken damage caused to the aircraft bringing them home was criminal and dangerous as well as appalling publicity for the English game.

But the timorous reaction by England's football authorities was far worse. Yesterday's fines came too little, too reluctant, too late and too secretive in their bad-boy network. The refusal by Terry Venables to name the four players found chiefly responsible for damaging the plane was not collective team responsibility but managerial cowardice. Who can doubt that the affair would have been trodden into the mud if Cathay Pacific had not claimed compensation for damage of £5,000 to its 747? If the offenders had been yobbish fans rather than yobbish megastars, they would have been taken to police cells at Heathrow without their studs touching the turf. If Euro 96 were not less than a week away, the culprits would have been sacked from the squad at once.

But as the ball bounced, Terry Venables acted late and so with apparent reluctance, by ruling out in advance the expulsion of anyone from the squad. A publicity agent's description of the team's behaviour as "mild high jinks" was an insult to youthful high spirits as well as a monstrous euphemism in a sport where euphemism is usually offside. Any player who misbehaved so wildly when Sir Alf Ramsey was manager would have been sent straight home. But nobody would have dared (or wanted) so to misbehave when wearing an England blazer.

Gazza and the rest have a chance starting on Saturday to redeem their professional reputations in the historic national arenas. English football is still admired by millions around the world for its determination, hardness and professionalism. But when Glenn Hoddle takes over as manager after Euro 96, the footballing authorities and their young men need to rediscover equally important old English virtues of discipline, modesty and common sense.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Recognition of the Sinn Fein vote

From Mr Chris Ryder

Sir, The May 30 election has again clearly demonstrated that the population of Northern Ireland remains fundamentally divided between a clear majority and a substantial minority.

As both these positions are equally valid and historically justified, any solution to the problem cannot be built on the exclusively Unionist foundation you so mistakenly promote (leading article, June 1). What you should be encouraging is a climate where reconciliation can flourish, so that a new political order, based on principles of equality, plurality, consent and co-operation, will emerge.

It is therefore imperative that all factions are included in the coming negotiations and that, as both governments have promised, referendums are ultimately conducted so that all the people of Ireland can ratify what has been agreed in their name.

Britain has long shouldered the political and financial burden of Northern Ireland alone. Successive British-Irish accords, with the material support of both the United States and the European Union, are progressively transferring some of the load to the Irish Republic. That process, leading to eventual joint responsibility for client communities in Northern Ireland, should continue and be encouraged.

For it to succeed, Republicans and others must, of course, terminally renounce violence, accept the need for consent and update their crusted political agenda from the 1920s. There will be no way ahead, other than more unnecessary bloodshed, if, as you advocate, the process of bringing the IRA/Sinn Fein into the dialogue is halted. However unpalatable the strength of their vote, and what they stand for, their mandate must be recognised.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS RYDER,
79 Springfield Road,
Portavogie, County Down.
June 1.

V&A extension

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Whether the design by Daniel Libeskind for the proposed extension to the Victoria & Albert Museum (report and photograph, May 18; letters, May 24) goes through or not, I hope we are not to be treated yet again to some tame compromise that, by and large, prevents us ever taking our place at the cutting edge of design. Inventiveness, excitement and aesthetic risk-taking are not enough in themselves, but without them much of architectural merit is lost.

I have always believed that in most cases important works of different periods and in another genre may sit well together and complement one another. It seems to work well in other areas of the fine arts, and painters as diverse as Rembrandt and Picasso may have their work juxtaposed to good effect and to their mutual advantage.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PITTUCK,
Hillside Cottage, 62 Dunmow Road,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
May 24.

From Mr Charles Morris

Sir, Owen Luder, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, asks why the proposed jumble of forms for the V&A extension should not contrast as successfully with the present museum as does the Brompton Oratory on its other side.

I say that the Oratory (along with the Louvre pyramid) represents order and the proposed extension represents disorder. It is in the nature of our condition that disorder is never comfortable to live with, even if we can stand it for a brief interlude.

Yours faithfully,
C. B. MORRIS
Paperhouse, West Harling, Norfolk.
May 29.

Shopping headache

From General Sir Ian Gourlay

Sir, It is not that I am wholly untutored in the ways of supermarkets. These days I get quite a lot of practice with my trolley, as I weave hopefully around the display racks tracking down the things I am looking for. But things are not made easier for learners like me by the frequency with which these huge stores change things around. Is it not time that shoppers were afforded a key-in computer display, say at the supermarket entrance, giving instant guidance as to the current location of the goods on offer?

Last week I was after some aspirin. I could not find it anywhere. I inquired finally of a helpful young lady at a vacant till as to whether the store stocked it. "Oh, yes," she said, "you'll find it over there. You know . . . where the nappies are."

Of course, I should have guessed.

Yours sincerely,
IAN GOURLAY,
48 Hyde Vale, Greenwich, SE10.
May 27.

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Eastern expansion of Nato alliance

From the Director of the Atlantic Council

Sir, Dr Jonathan Eyal's analysis is right ("Why Nato must enlarge eastwards", letter, May 28; see also letters, May 16, 23) but his conclusion is wrong. The choice is not a Russian-German arrangement to "pacify" Central and Eastern Europe, but between an expanded Nato to include Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia (plus possibly the Baltic States) and an historic Nato-Russian agreement to secure and underpin the independence of the Eastern European countries, with the integration of the Central European powers into the West.

Enlargement should be regarded as a source of strength rather than a complicating factor in Nato's decision-making process, provided membership is open to those states which have committed themselves to democracy and are prepared to accept the obligations as well as the benefits of membership.

It is feasible to envisage the Central European countries joining the EU and Nato within the next five years. It is equally feasible that Nato and Russia can agree to a unique and positive strategic relationship negotiated within the framework of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation.

For those countries that are not invited or who are unwilling to join Nato there are the Partnership For Peace arrangements, whose rationale is to give such partner a specially crafted co-operation programme to suit its own needs, including the right of consultation in the event of a major external security threat to its vital national interests.

The Atlantic Council does not believe that Nato's expansion threatens Russia. We support the Declaration of Prague (report, May 13, and leading article, May 14) which declares "There is no objective reason for great-power conflict in Europe — provided that the outcome of 1989 is accepted as irreversible: namely, that the new democracies are sovereign, independent and free to exercise their choice of association". Therefore it is not a matter of bringing the Nato front line forward in order to prepare for a major war in Europe, more of providing stability and safeguarding the newly won freedom of those countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN LEE WILLIAMS, Director,
The Atlantic Council,
Atlantic House,
8A Lower Grosvenor Place, SW1.
May 28.

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, As a member of the Royal United Services Institute I wish to distance myself from the views expressed by our Director of Studies, Dr Jonathan Eyal. Nato was formed, as its first secretary-general, Lord Ismay, is said (perhaps apocryphally) to have remarked, "to keep the Americans in, the Russians out, and the Germans down". It has succeeded, proving that the North Atlantic could unite as well as divide — politically, economically and for defence.

Rather than destroy Nato by overextending it, let its members reinforce success by seeking to promote (with the help of the new Russia, its associated states and Poland) the formation of a Danube Treaty Organisation (Dato) by the states of central and south eastern Europe, to fill, at last, the vacuum left by the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Yours truly,
IAN McGEOCH,
Kirk Deighton House,
Kirk Deighton, Wetherby, Yorkshire.
May 29.

Witness support

From the President of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

Sir, Margaret McAllister (letter, May 30) is quite right about the need for expert witnesses in trials to receive specific training.

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers encourages its members to use experts who have been seen in action in court. It is one thing to prepare reports for cases, but quite another to give evidence in the witness box. We would hope that all professional organisations would follow the example of the British Psychological Society and train experts and we have been working with the Association of British Insurers to that end.

If Lord Woolf's proposed reforms of the civil justice system are implemented, the way in which an expert's evidence is presented will become even more important, as cases will be limited to three hours in some instances. Experts will need to identify the crucial points of evidence and present them in a succinct manner. It is also important that they clearly understand their role, which is to provide independent evidence for the court.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE HARMER,
President,
The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers,
33 Pilcher Gate, Nottingham.
June 1.

Sounds of Thuringia

From Dr Ralph Kohn

Sir, In your supplement of May 31, "Passport to Germany", your reporter extols the virtues of a visit to Thuringia and mentions some of the outstanding figures from the past who had an association with the region, including the composers Liszt and Wagner. I was amazed that the name Johann Sebastian Bach was omitted from this list.

Not only was J. S. Bach born in Thuringia (Eisenach) but the whole province is littered with Bach houses, museums and memorials. The Bach family provided Thuringia with many generations of outstanding composers, organists and other instrumentalists.

Yours sincerely,
RALPH KOHN,
14 Harley Street, W1.
June 3.

Frogspawn blight

From Mr H. S. McPherson

Sir, Could it not be that the blighted frogspawn noted by your correspondent in the West Highlands (letter, May 28; see also letter, May 31) was infertile and growing a fungus because of staleness. Such spawn would remain long after the normal healthy fertile spawn had hatched and disappeared. The commonest cause of infertile frogspawn in our local ponds is a shortage of males, who we think fall victim to the numerous herons who visit at frog-mating time.

Where spawn has been caught in ice, only a few segments on the top seem to be affected. These frozen eggs or embryos may go white but the jelly just crumbles away.

Yours faithfully,
H. S. McPHERSON,
Holme End, Rimington,
Clitheroe, Lancashire.
June 3.

Millennium wheel

From Mr Nigel Fenner-Fownes

Sir, I despair for our sanity when I read an eminent person (Sir Richard Rogers's letter, May 27) advocating the construction of a Ferris wheel adjacent to the Thames. As a Londoner I would like to see a really worthwhile project instigated; namely, to get one of the greatest rivers in Europe used as a form of transport. Such a project would transform the capital. Surely that would be a worthy and much-needed accomplishment for the next millennium?

Wheels merely go round and round in circles, somewhat reminiscent of our current traffic problem.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL FENNER-FOWNES,
8 Inverness Gardens,
Vicarage Gate, W8.
May 27.

From Mr Henry Lessore

Sir, It seems inescapable that if Sir Richard Rogers, rising slowly to the top of his Ferris wheel, sees Trafalgar Square, the great green parks, and so on, we, in these places, and in many others, will be able to see him; and some of us are not sure that this is what we want.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY LESSORE,
11 Pearman Street, SE1.
May 28.

War-time sovereigns

From Mr Gordon Fenwick

Sir, It is interesting to note from your report of May 29 (later editions), "Gulf War sovereigns for sale", the way in which currency values change from one war to another.

In the Second World War in South East Asia RAF aircrew were supplied with money belts, but in their case the "escape money" consisted of florins. However, all the coinage supplied was that of King George V as the natives of those areas were wise to its true value; similar coinage of King George VI was unacceptable there, due to its debased silver content.

Similarly "reward chits" for the safe return of aircrew emphasised that payment would be in King George V silver.

Yours etc,
GORDON FENWICK
(RAF Intelligence Officer,
SEAC, 1942-45),
Tree Tops, Helford, Cornwall

Tories and Christianity

From Mr Tom Rees Jones

Sir, The Bishop of Willesden (letter, May 31) is indeed bold when he ventures to predict the political views of Jesus Christ.

I think we are on safer ground when we examine the behaviour of the good Samaritan. When the state functionaries passed by the unfortunate victim the Samaritan realised that he had an individual responsibility for the welfare of his fellow citizens. Being a conservatively-minded person he had money and oil and wine of his own to give — and he gave it. He did not give away other people's.

Jesus apparently approved. He told his listeners to go and do likewise.

Yours faithfully,
TOM REES JONES,
18 Derwent Street, Draycott, Derby.
June 1.

Helpless patients and the law courts

From Lord Ashbourne and Lord Craigmyle

Sir, The death on May 31 in a Scottish hospital of a brain-damaged woman diagnosed as having been in a persistent vegetative state for four years comes as a painful reminder of the fact that the courts are making life and death decisions on patients in helpless states.

Some cases have been misdiagnosed. Patients allegedly unaware are recovering and recounting the deliberations about ending their lives. There are examples of patients "locked in" by brain damage and unable to communicate, except when particularly alert or knowledgeable medical experts know which slight signs to look for. These may reveal unexpected consciousness.

More recently an Australian scientist, Dr Peter McCullagh, summarising over three decades of animal and human research, has raised the possibility that they may suffer the pangs of thirst whilst unable to communicate their feelings (letter, May 16).

All these difficulties which continue to arise place the legal system in an increasingly awkward situation. It is time for Parliament to assert its responsibility and legislate for the protection of persons who may, against all expectations, retain sentience. Where there is the possibility of suffering being unwittingly inflicted the courts should be guided by statute.

Yours faithfully,
ASHBOURNE,
CRAIGMYLE,
House of Lords.
June 2.

Living wills

From Mr Allan Levy, QC

Sir, Mr James Bogle (letter, May 29) is too sweeping in his view that advance statements are not currently binding in law. The Court of Appeal case of *Re T* in 1992 made it clear that an anticipatory refusal of treatment will be valid legally if (a) the person was competent at the time the decision was made; (b) was sufficiently informed; (c) was free from undue influence from anyone; and (d) it was intended that the refusal should apply in the circumstances which later arise.

Lords Keith, Goff and Mustill confirmed the position when they decided in the case of the persistent-vegetative-state patient, Tony Bland, in 1993.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN LEVY,
17 Bedford Row, WC1.
May 29.

From Lady Engle

Sir, Mr Bogle says that living wills are perhaps signed by people years earlier; but everyone is now advised to update their living will annually.

"Only the contemporaneous consent or refusal of a patient is binding", Mr Bogle argues. I thought the whole point of my living will is that it should come into effect when I am no longer able to consent to or refuse the proposed treatment.

Yours sincerely,
IRENE ENGLE,
32 Wood Lane, Highgate, N6.
May 29.

Railway buffet

From Mr Gareth David

Sir, Your excellent report on the secretive way in which South West Trains has axed buffet cars from our peak-time services on the London Waterloo — Portsmouth route (June 1) raises a broader question over the value or otherwise of the Citizen's Charter initiative and South West Trains' own Passengers' Charter in particular.

On page two of the SWT Passengers' Charter, the company specifically undertakes to "seek passengers' views on how we are performing and how our service can be improved". The next clause states that SWT will "keep passengers informed of new developments and their implications".

Could these words possibly have been published by the same company which had not apparently even formally told its own on-train staff that these buffets were to be axed on the day before it actually happened? If charter initiatives are anything more than a cynical public relations exercise, then surely this must open the way for a legal examination of the action being taken by SWT?

Yours faithfully,
GARETH DAVID,
Uplands,
Old Haslemere Road,
Haslemere, Surrey.
June 3.

So now we know

From Mr Keith Bush

Sir, You report (June 3) David Evans, MP, a member of the executive of the 1922 Committee, as saying that ministers of the Crown "wear an England shirt". Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will note that a widely held belief has now been confirmed authoritatively.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH BUSH,
64 St Michael's Road,
Llandaf, Cardiff.
June 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 3: The Queen today presented The Queen's Award for Forestry at the York Club, Windsor, and met members of the Commonwealth Forestry Association on its Seventy Fifth Anniversary.

Her Majesty was received on arrival by the President of the Commonwealth Forestry Association (the Duke of Buccleugh and Queensberry).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, the Corporation of Trinity House, this evening attended the Trinity-Tide Dinner at Trinity House, London EC3.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 3: The Princess Royal today visited Guernsey and was received by the Lieutenant-Governor (Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward).

Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited Guernsey Equestrian Centre, Courtil de Haut, Grandes Capelles.

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a Reception at St James Concert and Assembly Hall, St Peter Port.

Her Royal Highness, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, later visited St John Ambulance and Rescue Service, Ambulance Station, Rohais, and St John Cadets and Badgers, Saumarez Park, Castel.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Ball at Beau Sejour, St Peter Port.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 3: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Gurkha Rifles, this morning received the Colonel of the Regiment (Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Duffell) and Corporal Bishnubahadur Singh upon being awarded The Prince of Wales Kukri for 1995.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon opened Westfield Close, Kensington Housing Trust's new development in Lots Road, London, SW10.

YORK HOUSE
June 3: The Duke of Kent, Patron, Aidis Trust, this evening attended a reception at St James's Palace, London SW1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 3: Princess Alexandra, Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League, this evening attended the Final Concert of the League's Annual Music Competition at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, will attend the annual court meeting, church service and luncheon at Trinity House, at 11.25.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust, will be the host at an event at St James's Palace at 5.15 to mark the success of the trust's volunteers programme.

The Princess Royal will visit Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, Jersey Zoo, Trinity, at 10.10; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit a fund shop at Halkett Place, St Helier, at 12.20; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will launch the fund's Jersey appeal at the Grand Hotel, St Helier, at 1.00; and as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit Les Marais Indoor Riding School, Bel Royal, at 2.30.

Princess Margaret will open the Church Army Hostel, 1 Cosway Street, NW1, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit RAF Oakhanger, Borden, Hampshire, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent will visit Grosvenor Waterside, Pierhead Building, The Docks, Cardiff, at 10.40; will visit NCM Credit Insurance, Harbour Drive, Capital Waterside, at 11.10; as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will visit the Welsh National Tennis Centre and Metropolitan Club, Ocean Park, Ocean Way, at 11.50 and will open the Central Youth Club at 1.30. Later, he will visit the Welsh College of Music and Drama, Castle Grounds, Cathays Park, at 2.10.

Princess Alexandra will open Phase III, North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields, at 1.30; will open St Clare's Hospice/Primrose Hill Hospital, Jarrow, at 2.50; and will visit the Newcastle upon Tyne dog and cat shelter and animal sanctuary at Benton Lane, at 4.05. Later, she will attend the Marconi International Fellowship awards dinner at the Victoria and Albert Museum at 8.00.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for June was won with bond number 28QK 297746. The winner lives in Hertfordshire, and has a bond holding of £20,000.

High Court

Mr Justice Douglas Brown to be transferred from the Family Division of the High Court to the Queen's Bench from today.

Dinners

Royal Academy
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held last night at Burlington House. Sir Philip Dowson, PRA, presided. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and the French Ambassador also spoke. Among those present were: The Ambassadors of Argentina, Kuwait, Germany, Spain and Switzerland, Mr Ivor Abrahams, RA, Mr Peter Ackroyd, Professor Norman Ackroyd, RA, Professor Norman Adams, RA, the Earl of Airlie, KT, and the Countess of Airlie, Miss Mary Allen, Dr Robert Anderson, Miss Diana Armfield, RA, the Hon Mrs Judy Astor, Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, Sir David Attenborough, CH, Miss Gillian Ayres, RA, Mr William Baillie, Mr David Barker, Mr Basil Beattie, Mr John Bellany, RA, Mr and Mrs James Benson, Mr Michael Berkeley, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Ms Vanessa Bernstein, Mr Jamie Bill, Mr Peter Blake, RA, Miss Sandra Blow, RA, Professor Sir John Boardman, Miss Cherie Booth, QC, Dr Alan Borg, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mr John Boundy, Mr William Bowyer, RA, Mr Laurie Bray, Mr Richard Burton, Dr Marilyn Butler, Mr James Butler, RA, Professor H T Cadbury Brown, RA, Mr Richard Calvocoressi, Sir Richard Carew Pole, Mr Michael Cassidy, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Mr Patrick Caulfield, RA, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Sir Trevor Chinn, Miss Ann Christopher, RA, Mr Geoffrey Clarke, RA, Mr William Clarke, Mr Nigel Coates, Mr Peter Coker, RA, and Mrs Coker, Miss Jean E Cooke, RA, Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Neil Cossons, Mr Stephen Cox, Lord Crathorne, Mr Gus Cummins, RA, Mr Hans de Glee, Lady de Grey, Dr Jennifer Dickson, RA, Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly, the Marquess of Douro, Sir Edward and Lady Downes, Lady Dowson, Mr Kenneth Draper, RA, Sir John Drummond, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA, Ms Jennifer Durrant, RA, Miss Jayne Edwardes, Mr Grant Ehlobunche, the Dean of St Paul's, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP, Dr Etienne Feau, Miss Mary Fedden, RA, Mr Mark Fisher, MP, Mrs Donatella Flick, Sir Norman Foster, RA, Mr Donald Hamilton Fraser, RA, Professor Christopher Frayling, Mr Peter Freeth, RA, Mr Terry Frost, RA, Mr Stephen Fry, Mr William Gear, RA, Mr Jonathan Glancy, Mr Jack Goldhill, Mr Francis Golding, Miss Isabel Goldsmith, Mr Harvey Goldsmith, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Miss Daisy Goodwin, Mr Frederick Gore, RA, Mr Anthony Green, RA, Professor Timothy Green, Dr Germaine Greer, Mr Nicholas Grimshaw, RA, Mr Lewis Grinnan, Jr, and Mrs Grinnan, Mr Angus Grossart, Mr Richard Hagen, Miss Maggi Hambling, Dr Khalid Hameed, Professor Eric Handley, Mr Max Hastings, Mr Colin Hayes, RA, Mrs David Haynes, Mrs Drue Heinz, DBE, Miss Jocelyn Herbert, Mr Robin A E Herbert, Miss Susanna Heron, Mr Nick Higham, Lord Hindlip, Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Miss Polly Hope, Sir Michael Hopkins, RA, Mr Ken Howard, RA, Mr John Hoyland, RA, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, Mr Sidney C Hutchison, Miss Jocasta Innes, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Mr Bill Jacklin, RA, Sir Martin Jacomb, Mr Alex James, Mr Charles Jencks, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Miss Eva Jiricna, Mr Mark Jones, Mr Paul Josefowitz, Mr Jan Kaplicky, Miss Susan Kasen Summer, Miss Helena Kennedy, QC, Sir Ludovic Kennedy and Miss Moira Shearer, Mr Michael Kenny, RA, Mr Morris Kesselman, RA, Elect, Professor Phillip King, RA, Lord Kingsdown, KG, Professor Bryan Kneale, RA, Mr Paul Koralek, RA, Lady Lucinda Lambton, Sir Denys Lasdun, RA, Miss Sonia Lawson, RA, Mr Ben Levene, RA, Dr Gerald Libby, Miss Anya Linden, Sir Sidney Lipworth, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Mr Richard MacCormac, RA, Lord and Lady Macfarlane of Bearsden, Miss Susie McKenzie, Mr John Madejski, Mr John Maine, RA, Mr Leonard Manasseh, RA, Mr Michael Manser, RA, Mr Terry Mansfield, Mr Allan Massie, Mr Leonard McComb, RA, Miss Sheena McDonald, Professor Bruce McLean, Mr Henry Meyric Hughes, Dr Duncan Michael, Mr Dhruva Mistry, RA, Mr Mick Moon, RA, Miss Emily Mortimer, Sir Claus Moser, Mr Peter G S Murray, Mr Paul Myners, Miss Georgina Nayler, Mr Brendan Neiland, RA, Lord Nolan, Mrs Diane Nutting, Miss Cristina Odone, Mr and Mrs Richard Ormond, Mr Christopher Orr, RA, Mr John Outram, Professor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, RA, Mr John Partridge, RA, Mr Victor Pasmore, RA, and Mrs Pasmore, Miss Julia Peyton Jones, Mr Hayden Phillips, Mr Tom Phillips, RA, Sir Philip Powell, CH, RA, Mr Samuel Price, Mr Patrick Proctor, RA Elect, Mr William Pye, Mr Michael Radford, Miss Barbara Rae, Mr John Raisman, General Sir David Ramsbotham, Baroness Rawlings, Mr Piers Paul Read, the Rev Donald Reeves, Dr Alexander Reid, Mr Griff Rhys Jones, Mr Ian Ritchie, Mr James Robinson, Mr Piers Rodgers, Mr Norman Rosenthal, Mr Leonard Rossman, RA, Professor Joseph Rotblat, Miss Janet Russo, Mr Thomas Ryan, Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, KG, Mrs Basil Samuel, Dr Charles Saumarez Smith, Mr Peter Schmitt, Mrs Gina Serenyi, the Hon Judith Serota, the Countess of Shaftesbury, Mr Paul Smith, Miss Julia Somerville, Mr David Spedding, Mr Ian Stephenson, RA, Miss MaryAnne Stevens, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, Sir Angus Stirling, Mr Tom Stoppard, Baroness Strange, Sir Antony Tennant, Mr David Tindle, RA, Mr John Titchell, RA, Mr Julian Treger, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Mr Nicholas Wapshott, Dorothy Viscountess Weir, the Duke of Wellington, KG, Mr and Mrs Garry Wesson, Sir Anthony Wheeler, Mr Anthony Whishaw, RA, Lord and Lady Wolfson, Mr John Wood and Mr Paul Woolfenden.

Huntingdon Foundation
The Prime Minister, the Right Hon John Major, accompanied by Mrs Major, was Guest of Honour and principal speaker at a Dinner given by the Huntingdon Foundation to mark the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Beth Jacob Grammar School in Hendon, held at Claridge's Hotel, on Sunday night. Mr Clive Marks was the host. Other speakers included: Mr Stanley Cohen, Dr Michael Sinclair and Mr Benjamin E. Perl, the Chairman of the Huntingdon Foundation. Others present included:
Mr John Blatch and Baroness Blatch, Mr Henry Miller and Baroness Miller of Hendon, Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, and Lady Boyson, Mrs Susie Bradfield, Mr and Mrs B Z Dunner, Mrs B S E Freshwater, Mrs N Freshwater, Mr and Mrs R Holbauer, Mr and Mrs J Kohn, Mr and Mrs D Last, Mr R Loftus, Mr and Mrs Y Maccoby, Mr John Marshall, MP, and Mrs Marshall, Mr and Mrs Z Noe, Mr and Mrs F Salem, Mr and Mrs L Schaller, Mr and Mrs H Schuldenfrei, Mr and Mrs J Stimler, Mr and Mrs Y D Tajrelbaum and Mr and Mrs M Weiss.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.D. Balfour
and Miss C.M.A. Garfit
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Balfour, of Kelso, Roxburghshire, and Katie, daughter of Major and Mrs Christopher Garfit, of Kington Magna, Dorset.

Mr S.G. Denison-Smith
and Miss L.R. Davis
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Lieutenant General Sir Anthony and Lady Denison-Smith, of Gosfield, Essex, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Davis, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.T. Flintoff
and Miss S. Osborn
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr Thomas Flintoff and of Mrs Irene Flintoff, of Chiswick, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Osborn, of Little Sampford.

Mr C.J. Hoblyn
and Miss C.J. Burnet
The engagement is announced between Charles Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hoblyn, of Hampshire, and Cressida Johanna, daughter of the late Mr Tim Burnet and of Mrs Lydia Burnet, of Cornwall.

Captain C.B. Parker
and Miss A.E. Quin
The engagement is announced between Charles Butler, son of Colonel and Mrs E.V. Parker, of North Carolina, USA, and Amanda Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr and Mrs N.E. Quin, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr E.A. Wrighton Edwards
and Mrs C.A. Gifford
The engagement is announced between Tony, only son of Mrs Gladys Edwards and the late Mr John Edwards, of Merthyr Tydfil, and Cheryl, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs George Derrick, of Abertillery.

Marriages

Mr W.D. Symington
and Miss J.P. Booth
The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, June 1, between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Symington, and Juliet, daughter of Sir Christopher Booth and of Dr Lavinia Loughridge.

Mr B.S.J. Broadbent
and Miss J.S. Bowles
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 26, in Richmond, Virginia, USA, between Bartholomew, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Broadbent, of London, SW6, and Spencer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Eugene Bowles, Jnr.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Mr R.G. Carpenter
and Miss C.E.M. Peel
The marriage took place on May 25, at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Islington, of Mr Robert Carpenter, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Carpenter, to Miss Catherine Peel, younger daughter of Mr Richard Peel and Mrs Ivan Woloshyn.

Mr H. Saunders
and Mrs M. Ireland
The marriage took place on Wednesday, May 22, and was later blessed at St Mary the Virgin, Westerham, between Mr Howard Saunders and Mrs Moira Ireland.

They were attended by Mr Jeremy Saunders and Mr Jonathan Saunders.

A reception was held at Hever Castle.

Nottinghamshire Lieutenancy

Professor Sir Colin Campbell, Professor Ray Cowell and Judge John Hopkin have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Nottinghamshire.



Bob Champion, jockey and trainer, is 48 today

Birthdays today

General Sir Cecil Blacker, 80; Air Vice-Marshal G.A. Chesworth, Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire, 66; Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS, hovercraft inventor, 86; Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, 58; Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening, former Master of HM's Household, 68; Mr A.H.C. Greenwood, former deputy chairman, British Aerospace, 79; the Earl of Halsbury, 88; Miss Andrea Jaeger, tennis player, 31; Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea, 73; Mr J.D.R. Lyon, chief executive, Rexam, 60; Mr Geoffrey Palmer, actor, 69; Sir John Sparrow, company director, 63; Professor J.C. West, former Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University, 74; Sir David Yardley, former chairman, Commission for Local Administration in England, 67.

Memorial meeting

Professor Sir William Trethowan
A celebration of the life and work of Sir William Trethowan, Professor of Psychiatry, 1962-82, and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, 1968-74, Birmingham University, was held yesterday at the Royal College of Physicians.

The speakers were: Dr Fiona Caldicott, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Sir Richard Bayliss, Mr Phillip Hedley, Artistic Director of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, Professor Bob Cawley, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, London University, Professor Sandy McNeish, Director of the Medical Research Council, Clinical Sciences Centre, Hammersmith Hospital, and Professor Sir Martin Roth, Emeritus Fellow, Trinity College Cambridge.

A programme of music was played by the London Pro Arte Brass Quintet. Members of the family, past and present members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Royal College of Physicians, the Department of Health and Birmingham University and many other friends and colleagues were among those present.

Appointments

Mr Mungo Effingham Deans to be a full-time Immigration Adjudicator from today.

Mr Brian Harvey and Mr Ken Winberg to be executive members of the Legal Aid Board.

Ampleforth College

Scholarships 1996
Academic
Sixth Form Scholarships
Major Scholarships: L.W.B. Ramsden, Leeds Grammar School.
Minor Scholarships: M.A. Wischik, The Leys School, Cambridge.
Entrance Scholarships
Major Scholarships: D.J.H. Thompson, Ampleforth College Junior School; P.J. Massey, Ampleforth College Junior School; P.M. Westmacott, Ampleforth College Junior School; W.T. Weston, Chorister School, Durham; G.R.F. Murphy, Ampleforth College Junior School.
Minor Scholarships: C.H.N. Clive, Bramcote School; T.E.C. Stanley, Moor Park School; M.D.A. McAllister-Jones, St Martin's School; J.W.J. Townsend, Ampleforth College Junior School; H.P. Williams, Mount House School, Tavistock; B.J.C.J. Carlisle, Dulwich College Preparatory School; J.A.G. Madden, Howsham Hall; R.A.H. Childley, Minster School, York.
Music Scholarship: P.J. Massey, Ampleforth College Junior School.

Latest wills

Countess Fitzwilliam, of Milton Hall, Peterborough, widow of the 10th Earl Fitzwilliam, left estate valued at £25,232,890 net.

Mr Arthur Leslie Norman **English**, of Farnborough, Hampshire, Arthur English the character actor and comedian, left estate valued at £162,391 net.

Mrs Philippa Ann **Sumner**, of Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, left estate valued at £3,242,582 net.

Edith **Hill**, of Wenhaston, Suffolk, left estate valued at £3,379,621 net. She died intestate.

Mrs Lucy Joan **Clough**, of Morecambe, Lancashire, left estate valued at £564,014 net.
She left her entire estate to the National Trust.

Royal Geographical Society

Earl Jellicoe, President of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers), presented the following awards at the annual meeting held yesterday in Kensington:
Founder's Medal: Professor John Woods, Imperial College, London.
Patron's Medal: Professor John Thornes, King's College London.
Victoria Medal: Professor Ronald Abler, Association of American Geographers.
Busk Medal: Professor Alexey Yablokov, Russian National Security Council.
Cherry Kearton Medal and Award: Mr Alastair Fothergill, head of the BBC Natural History Unit.
Murchison Award: Professor R.A. Dodgshon, University College, Wales.
Back Award: Dr Rory Walsh, University College, Wales.
Cuthbert Peek Award: Professor J. Duncan, University of Syracuse, New York.
Gill Memorial Award: Professor Philip Rees, University Leeds.
Ness Award: Major Alastair Rogers, Royal Marines.
Edward Heath Award: Professor David Drakakis-Smith, Liverpool University.
Geographical Award: Tate & Lyle.
Alfred Steers Dissertation Prize: Miss Anna Mallett (Durham University) and Mr Adrian Manning (Edinburgh University).

University news

Cambridge
Corpus Christi College
Elected into a Fellowship in Class C of Statute 31, from October 1: Professor A.C. Harvey
Elected into a Fellowship in Class F of Statute 31, from June 12: P.D. Beattie.

Darwin College
Elected into Emeritus Fellowships from October 1: Richard Frank Holmes and Richard Ashton King.

Reception

Royal Shakespeare Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a pre-theatre reception held last night in the Garden Room of the Barbican Centre, Sir Geoffrey Cass, Chairman of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre Trust, and Lady Cass were the hosts. A performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* was held afterwards. Among those present were:
Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other Members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of both Houses of Parliament, and representatives from the Board of the Royal Shakespeare Foundation, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre Trust, the Board of American Friends of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Arts Council, RADA, City Livery Companies, British and Overseas Banking organisations and other city institutions, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, the Barbican Centre, the Department of National Heritage, the Albert Hall, the Corporation of London, the Court of Common Council and others having theatrical and business connections with the RSC.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King George III, reigned 1760-1820, London, 1738; Stephen Foster, songwriter, Pittsburgh, 1826; Rosalind Russell, actress, Connecticut, 1911.

DEATHS: William Juxon, Archbishop of Canterbury 1660-63, London, 1663; Giovanni Casanova, ecclesiastic, soldier and diplomat, Duchov, Czechoslovakia, 1798; Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington, novelist, Paris, 1849; F.R. Spofforth, cricketer, "the demon bowler", Ditton Hill Lodge, Surrey, 1926; William II, German Emperor 1888-1918, Doorn, The Netherlands, 1941; Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, Boston, Massachusetts, 1951; Dorothy Gish, stage and film actress, Rapallo, Italy, 1968.

The first Trooping the Colour ceremony took place on Horse Guards Parade, London, 1805.

The Reform Bill was passed, 1832.

Rome was liberated by the Allies, 1944.

Tonga, or the Friendly Islands, became independent, 1970.

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If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and the truth is not in us.
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BIRTHS

APRUZZESE – On May 31st at The Portland Hospital Vince and Mary had a beautiful daughter, Ashley Nicole, a sister for Amy Ines.

AYOTTE – On May 30th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Dianna (née Dicostanzo) and Ross, a beautiful daughter, Catherine Marie.

BEWES – On June 1st 1996 at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Caroline (née Howard) and Nicholas, a daughter, Charlotte Caroline Rebecca, a sister for Thomas.

BROOKE BARNETT – On May 17th 1996 at Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Per and Lesley, a son, Harry Kristian, a brother for Thomas, Charley and Katie.

CACCAPPOLO – On May 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Nancy and Richard, a healthy, beautiful son, Jarred Charles.

ELLIS – On 30th May, to Emma and Alan, a son, Henry Charles Robert.

FAIRE – On 1st June, to Ginny and Henry, a daughter, Emma, a sister for the boys.

FAULK – On 23rd May 1996, to Idonea (née Muggeridge) and Matthew, a son, Oliver Johannes Douglas.

FIRTH – On May 30th 1996, to Amanda (née Marriott) and Andrew, a son, Henry Delano Malcolm, a brother for Edward.

GREATBATCH – On 29th April, to Sallie and Dr David Greatbatch, a first born daughter, beautiful Emily Rose.

HAMMOND – On 26th May at The Portland Hospital a beautiful daughter for Stefania and Robin, Annabelle Sylvie Carlotta.

HARDOON – Joshua Hayem born at The Portland Hospital, A beautiful son to Yasmin (née Rehwan) and Abby, a grandson to Amal and Morris, on June 1st 1996.

HART – On 30th May 1996 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Philippa (née Bentley) and James, a wonderful son, Oliver Fraser 7lbs 7oz.

HAYMES BROWN – On May 27th 1996, to Andrea and Robert, a wondrous son, Hugo Freddie Robert.

HEGGLIN – On May 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Wendy and Danny, a daughter, Manuela Justine, a sister for Federica, Pascal and Domenico.

JOHNSON – On 27th May, to Marie-Louise and Colpoys, a son, Rufus George, a brother for William.

KIRCK – On May 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Dominique and Wolfgang, a son, Vincent, a brother for Antoine and Ludwig.

MARSDEN – On 3rd June, to Judy and Robert, a son, William John.

MILLARD – On May 27th, to Peter and Lisa (née Barry), a gorgeous son, Benjamin Henry Jasper, a brother for Florence and Oliver.

NIXON – On June 1st, to Alex (née Robinson) and Mark, a son, Archie.

PERRETT – On 9th May 1996, to Isabelle and Antony, a beautiful daughter, Natalie Flora, a sister for Emily.

PUGH – On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah-Jane and David - Joshua Alexander, brother for Jo and Mo. Tiny but perfect.

ROCHFORD – On May 28th, to Deborah (née Crookston) and Lee, a beautiful daughter, Alice Olivia.

ROOM – On Friday May 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Wyatt) and James, a beautiful daughter, Nancy Lauren, a sister for Alexander.

ROYAL – On May 28th, to Moira (née Morrison) and David, a son, Alexander David, a brother for Abigail.

SCHREGEL – On 28th May at The Portland Hospital, to Lise (née Lyrand) and Kevin, another beautiful boy, Karl Joseph, a little brother and mate for Luke.

TARLETON – On 29th May, to Rachael (née Porter) and Tim, a daughter, Rosanna Elizabeth.

THORE LANGAKER – On May 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Clementine and Erik, a wonderful daughter, Maud Cecilie, a little sister for Elaine.

TOOGOOD – On June 1st in Singapore, to Katherine (née Chetwynd) and Michael, a son, William Richard Stanley, a brother for Emma and Alexandra.

WARRENDER – On June 1st 1996, at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Michael and Wallurga, a son, John.

WRIGHT – On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Bourneuf) and Nigel, a beautiful daughter, Annabel Louisa, a sister for Freddie.

MARRIAGES

GARDENER:PATERSON – The wedding took place at the Priory Church, Christchurch, on May 25th between Martin Stephen Gardener, son of Mrs M. Gardener and the late Mr M. Gardener of Bournemouth and Evelyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Paterson, also of Bournemouth.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ROBINSON:TUSQUARD – On 4th June 1946 John to Pauline at St James's Louth.

DEATHS

BAGNALL-OAKELEY – On June 3rd peacefully at home in Norfolk, Patricia (Pat) aged 77, widow of Dick, mother of Jeremy and Jane-Ann. Funeral Service at the Church of St Andrew, Brinton, Norfolk on Friday June 7th at 11.45 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Big C Appeal c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich. Tel: (01603) 760787.

BLAKLEY – Peacefully at home on June 1st 1996 with his family, Alan aged 54. Much loved husband of Lin, father of Kirsten and Claudia, son of Reginald and Winifred and brother of Michael. He will be fondly remembered always by all who knew and loved him. Thanksgiving Service to take place at St Michael and All Angels Church, Sunningdill, on Monday June 10th 1996 at 12.30 pm. Flowers welcome and may be sent c/o Lines Bannister & Co., 69 High Street, Ascot, Berks., tel: (01344) 20266.

DEATHS

BURNIE – Evelyn Alison (Eve) née Thorburn on 1st June. Adored wife of David, mother of Michael, Diana and Martin and grandmother of Caroline, Nicholas, Philippa and Christopher. Private funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Friday 7th June at 10 am. No flowers but donations welcome to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester c/o Edward White & Son, Funeral Directors, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY.

CARRON – Peter peacefully after a stroke on 31st May in Nelson, New Zealand aged 72. Formerly Chairman of Minster Trust, the Issuing Houses Association and co-author of the first Take-over Code. Remembered and respected by many friends in England.

CHICK – Marjorie I, peacefully on May 30th 1996. Beloved wife of Jeff and mother of Rodney and Clive. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Burghfield Village, on Thursday June 6th at 11 am, followed by a cremation at Reading. Family flowers only. Donations to Wyndham Court Day Centre Amenity Account may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church & Co., 46 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, Hants. RG26 4HD.

COLLINS – Philip Thomas (Pat) passed away suddenly on May 31st. Late of Kenya and member of the Corinthians, Casuals A.F.C. and the F.I.E.E. Beloved husband of Maureen, dearly loved father of Gill, father-in-law of Nigel and grandfather of Louise, Genny, William and Emily. Also best friend and dear son-in-law of Winnie Pattinson. Service at St John's Church, Moortown, Leeds, on Monday 10th June at 11 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired may be made to The British Heart Foundation, 4-6 Bridge Street, Tadcaster. Friends please accept this intimation. Enquiries to the Co-operative Funeral Service, tel: (0113) 2450807.

COLLINGS – Rex, publisher and writer. Unexpectedly, at Hitchin, Hertfordshire on 23rd May, aged 70. A valued and loved friend, colleague and godparent. For information ring Jill Lindymore (Africa Education Trust) on 0171 240 0725.

COX – On May 31st peacefully at her home in Brixton, Norfolk, Rosaleen Clare aged 69, wife of Tony and mother of Dermot, Catherine, Mary and Aidan. Requiem Mass to be held at All Saints Church, Brixton, on Saturday June 8th at 12 noon. Family flowers or donations for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be sent to Hendry & Sons Funeral Directors, Fouldham, Norfolk.

DERBYSHIRE – On 2nd June at St. Michaels Hospice, Barnstreet, Hereford, Merfly (née Morgan) of cancer borne bravely for many years. Much loved wife of Hugh and mother of Beth and Terence. Funeral at Blackmore Park R.C. Church, Hanley Swan, at noon on Friday 7th June. No flowers, but please send donations to the hospice. Merfly loved music. She shared her birthday with Mozart, and died on that of Elgar.

DEATHS

DRAKE-BROCKMAN – On 31st May, Pamela Joan, a dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral and interment at St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on Friday June 7th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations for St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh to E.B. Bolton & Son Ltd., 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1EB.

ELLIS – Clement Roy, dear husband of Vilma (Copper) (née Knolles) died peacefully at home on 3rd June 1996 at Windrush, Rosetta 3301, Natal, RSA.

FALCON – On May 31st 1996, peacefully, Norman Leslie, husband of Dorothy, father of John, Michael and Sarah and grandfather of Giles, Imogen, Dominic and Estelle. Family funeral only on June 5th.

FIENNES – On April 11th peacefully at her home in Reriz, Portugal, Sylvia Fiennes aged 83.

FISHER – Stuart in Berkhamsted on 31st May. Requiem Mass 12 noon Friday 7th June at the Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted. All friends welcome. Family flowers only. Donations to R.N.I.B.

FOTHERGILL – Mary, on May 31st 1996, peacefully at home in West Malling, Kent. Funeral at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone, Thursday 6th June at 3 pm. No flowers.

GAGE – Henry St.Clere Rokewood, in Madrid on May 31st 1996, beloved son of Robin and Maite and adored brother of Dolores.

GEEWAH – Kitty. Passed peacefully away on May 26th at Mount Vernon Hospital. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral at The Chilterns Crematorium on Friday June 7th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home or the Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., tel: (01494) 672668.

GILLAM – Harold Joseph Paul tragically and unexpectedly at his home in Norwich aged 53 years. Will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends. Funeral 2 pm Thursday June 6th at Letheringsett, near Holt.

GREENFIELD – Lady Dorothy (née Spencer) aged 97 on 31st May 1996. Widow of Harry Greenfield K.B.E., C.S.I., C.I.E. and loving mother of Anthea, John and Janet. Funeral Service at Amersham Crematorium on June 7th at 3.30 pm. No flowers, donations to The National Trust if desired.

GREENSILL – Tom Marston M.B.E. of Knowle, late of Cambria, passed away peacefully on May 27th 1996. Much loved husband of Betty. Service at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull, on Friday June 7th at 1 pm.

HERBOD – Bruce died on 28th May, aged 37, shortly after achieving his lifelong ambition of reaching the summit of Mt Everest. A suitable event to commemorate his life and photography will be arranged later. Friends and business associates will be informed. "We'll catch the broken threads again and finish what we here began."

DEATHS

HILL – Dr. Ronald Wallace on 1st June at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Beloved husband of Pat, father of John, Stephen, Roger and Rosie and a cherished grandfather. Funeral at Wolvercote Cemetery 2.30 pm Friday 7th June. Family flowers only, donations to the Coronary Care Unit, John Radcliffe Hospital.

HOSKYNS – David Chandos on 31st May peacefully at Rye Memorial Care Centre after the bravest fight against cancer. Very much loved husband of Sheelagh, father of Simon and Jessica and grandfather of Archie and Flora. Funeral Service to be held at St John the Baptist Church, Wittersham, Kent, on Thursday 6th June at 2 o'clock. Family flowers only but donations if desired to either Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8JY or the Rye Memorial Care Centre, Rye, E. Sussex TN31 7UD.

HUDSON – On May 31st in Harrogate aged 80 years, Peter Obank Hudson, formerly of Rhodesia, beloved husband of the late Ella, dear father of Jonathan, Judith and Richard. Service at Christ Church, Harrogate, on Friday June 7th at 11.45am. Cremation private. Donations in memory to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, Portland Place, London W1N 4AB.

KINDERSLEY – Susan Marion Richenda of Derrylogher Lodge, Kenagh, Co. Longford, on May 31st 1996, suddenly in the Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. Daughter of the late Capt. T.A. Combe and the late Mrs Desmond Underwood. Beloved wife of Nicholas and adored mother of Anthony, Julian, Sebastian and Selena. Removal arriving St Catherine's Church, Ballymahon at 7 pm Wednesday June 5th. Funeral at 11 am Thursday June 6th, followed by private cremation.

LAMMING – John, died peacefully at home on May 31st. So many people loved him: his wife Dinah, mother Phyllis, children Olivia and Polly, brother Guy, father-in-law Bob and many other friends and family. Funeral at 12 noon Friday June 7th at St Elizabeth's Church, The Vines/and, Richmond. No flowers please, but donations to Macmillan Fund, c/o Yeovil Hospital. Enquiries (01935) 822983.

LEEMING – Nancy on 31st May 1996 peacefully in hospital aged 90 years, beloved wife of the late William, mother of Martin, Janette, Hilary, Adrian and Julia. Funeral Service at St Edward's Catholic Church, Mawnan Smith, on Friday June 7th at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

MacCURTAIN – Peacefully on Tuesday 28th May at home after a long illness very bravely borne Austin. He will be sadly missed by Jenny, by all his family and many friends. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19, on Wednesday 5th June at 2 pm. Flowers, or if desired donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o Bradley & Jones, 7 Love Lane, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3EE. tel: (0181)

OBITUARIES

MARGARET RAWLINGS

Margaret Rawlings, actress, died on May 19 aged 89. She was born on June 5, 1906.



MARGARET RAWLINGS was an often remarkable and always fastidious actress who, in later life, seldom found the parts for which she was so richly qualified. Her portrait of the Empress Eugénie, which she played in a one-woman show in her mid-seventies, showed several of her gifts: the poise, the exquisitely modulated speech, and her talent, too rarely employed, for patrician comedy.

First, though, she was a dramatic player in a manner now unusual. Not beautiful in the classical sense, she was exceedingly attractive, slender, dark-haired, and with a responsive contralto voice which she was never afraid to exploit. She spoke verse beautifully, and few actresses, in their youth, were cast for so many historical personages — Bianca Capello, Elizabeth Barrett, Mary Fitton, Napoleon's Josephine and Katie O'Shea.

Born in Osaka, Japan, she was the daughter of a missionary, the Rev George Rawlings, and his wife Lilian. She acquired from her mother the habit of speaking poetry naturally, for pleasure, as she was going about the house. She attended a French convent, with the result that, when she was sent to school in England at the age of 14 — she went to Oxford High School — she was equally fluent in colloquial French and Japanese, but had a peculiarly literary conception of what it was to be an English schoolgirl.

She won a state scholarship to read French at Lady Margaret Hall, but left abruptly after a year. The authorities had refused her permission to act in John Masefield's amateur group ("quite rightly," she later admitted). But at the time she was incensed. She determined to go out and make her own living. She was proud of remaining, for the rest of her life, financially independent of her two husbands.

Rawlings toured with the Macdona Players, an earnest, if frequently overweighted, company devoted to Shaw. She made ends meet when she was resting by working as an artist's model, and for *Vogue* and *Harpers*. She was swimming against the tide of fashion in theatre, during the 1920s. Heroines were supposed to be fragile blondes with light voices. Rawlings had raven hair, striking but not pretty looks and a mellow contralto voice. At an audition for the Birmingham Rep, one producer dismissed her with a magisterial: "Too gruff, too gruff, too gruff." But, luckily for her, fashions were changing.

Rawlings's first London parts were unexciting until in 1931 she had the good fortune to play — with full romantic drive — Bianca in Clifford Bax's Renaissance portrait-play, *The Venetian*. She was later to play the same part in New York. When she returned she captured critical attention as Salomé, in Oscar Wilde's lascious tragedy, at the Gate; and then had a long Australasian tour as, most notably, Elizabeth in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

In London in the autumn of 1933 she played Mary Fitton in *This Side Idolatry*, a better piece of theatre than its brief life suggested; and immediately afterwards she had the dangerous challenge (she survived it) of acting with the queen of disciplined technicians, Marie Tempest, in H. M. Harwood's comedy, *The Old Folks at Home*.

Critically praised though she was, she still lacked a West End part to make her generally known. Josephine in *Napoleon* (1934) was not transferred from the Embassy; and a role as one of a brassy trio of American gold-diggers in a shallow comedy, *The Greeks Had a Word For It* (Duke of York's, November 1934), hardly extended her. For two months she rejoined the Macdona company during a West End season, as Ann (*Man and Superman*) and Eliza Doolittle (*Pygmalion*). But by the middle of the decade, at first on Broadway and then at a London club theatre, she had brought her instinctive, unstrained emotion and her black velvet voice to Katie O'Shea in Elsie Schauffler's *Parnell*.

During November 1936, the ban on its English public performance withdrawn, the production finally came to the New Theatre: Margaret Rawlings had partially rewritten the text in order to enable it to be licensed. Before the transfer she had the tantalising experience of playing (also at the New) Shakespeare's Charmian to the Cleopatra of a nearly unintelligible Russian comedienne. She carried the house with her in the few lines of her final lament.

She had a popular West End success (1937) with the parts of a murderer's victim and the wife who accused him in a rather cheap drama, *Black Limelight*. Her real triumph came during the autumn of 1938 in Charles Morgan's *The Flashing Stream*, studying the single-mindedness of genius and love. As a woman mathematician sent to a naval experimental station on an Atlantic island, she partnered Godfrey Tearle — matching his performance, James Agate said, with "a lovely sweep of passion in all its manifestations — physical, spiritual, maternal: not a word wrong, not a movement out of place". Shaw's Eliza Doolittle followed again, and an affecting Mrs Dearth in the long-running *Dear Brutus* with John Gielgud (Globe, 1941-42).

Rawlings had married the actor Gabriel Toyne in 1927. That marriage was dissolved in 1938 and four years later she married Robert Barlow, the founder of the Metal Box Company. Transiently she left the stage — the demands of a husband and young daughter took precedence over her career. But at length she was Titania in *The Fairy Queen* (the masque, with Purcell's music, at Covent Garden, 1946-47); and, more taxingly, Vittoria in Webster's *The White Devil* (Duchess). There, without deliberately seeking the grand manner, she reached high passion.

From her other work, particularly worthy of note were an unremittingly intense Lady Macbeth (Arts, 1950 — she had played the part with the OUDS 15 years earlier); Zabina in *Tamburlaine* (Old Vic, 1951); the loyal Powermistress-General in *The Apple Cart* with Noël Coward (Haymarket, 1953); Paulina (*The Winter's Tale*, Old Vic, 1956); Ella Rentheim in a not very happy *John Gabriel Borkman* (Duchess, 1963); and Giza in the Hungarian *Catsplay* (Greenwich, 1973).

But her finest achievement as an older woman, one which brought her right back into critical acclaim, and for which she won rave reviews, was her portrait of the Empress Eugénie, Napoleon III's wife, who had escaped to England after the Franco-Prussian War. Margaret Rawlings acted her in two London theatres (1979), at the King's Lynn Festival (1980) and at Cologne and the Pitlochry Festival (1981). It was a colossal feat of memorising and an act of great courage for a woman who was beginning to worry about losing her memory. She had no cause for concern. On the night, this did not let her down.

Rawlings had appeared in the title part of Racine's *Phèdre* at the Arts, Cambridge, in 1963. She later worked on her own translation of this play (the 19th-century version overflowed with many now unintentionally comic couplets) and this was later published. Her films included *Roman Holiday* (1953), and she appeared in television and often on radio.

Margaret Rawlings was known in the profession simply as "Rawlings" to distinguish her from all the other Margarets. When her husband was knighted in 1943 she pretended not to be thrilled: "The cruellest thing for a professional woman is for her husband to be given a knighthood. I told him it was an awful dirty trick to play on Rawlings."

She continued to work until almost the end, mostly charitable work for the theatre and for Equity — she and Marius Goring were the only two founder members still alive during the 1980s.

She enjoyed her celebrity status, and was interviewed on *Desert Island Discs*. The royalties for her school edition of *Phèdre* continued to roll in and her completed translation of the play had its first public performance at the Pearl Theatre in New York in 1993.

Her husband, Sir Robert Barlow, died in 1976. She is survived by their daughter.

TERESA LADY ROTHSCHILD

Teresa Lady Rothschild, MBE, former MI5 operative and widow of Lord (Victor) Rothschild, died on May 29 aged 80. She was born on September 10, 1915



ALTHOUGH possessed of a gemlike beauty and a limpid charm, Teresa Lady Rothschild was never deeply interested in the glittering *beau monde* which circled around the international banking dynasty into which she married. Coming from a Cambridge *background, she felt more at* ease with an intellectual rather than a social elite. Yet throughout her married life she put her somewhat volatile husband's interests before her own, graciously hosting his dinner parties and playing a calming and supportive role. Her own accomplishments *and duties were pursued more* quietly.

Teresa Georgina Mayor, as she was before her marriage, was the daughter of Robert Mayor, a great nephew of the philosopher John Grote and a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Three other of her ancestors were Fellows of St John's while her aunt Flora (F. M. Mayor) was a novelist — the author of *The Rector's Daughter*. Her mother, a playwright and part of the extended Bloomsbury circle, was a Meinertzhagen, descending from an old Hanseatic patrician family.

Teresa was educated at Bedales, one of the first co-*educational schools, and in* those days considered even more boldly progressive than it is now. There she became head girl before going on to win a place at Newnham College, Cambridge.

It was at university in the 1930s that she became a part of a left-wing circle of friends. She knew several members of the Apostles, the secret society which included among its number the young Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and Victor Rothschild, her future husband. Michael Straight, another member of the Apostles, and the man who many years later was to help to expose Blunt, remembered Teresa at that time as "a student of unearthly beauty — with the gaunt nobility of Yeats's beloved Maud Gonne, and some of Maud Gonne's cold fire".

However, Teresa seemed less seriously committed to Marxism than she was to the stage. She distinguished herself as an actress at a time when women had only just been invited to perform in the ADC and the Marlowe Society. She was seldom off the stage, it was said, even during her vacations and all her life she enjoyed recounting farcical tales of the trials and triumphs of those days. She was in later years to become a trustee of the Arts Theatre in *Cambridge, and up until the* end of her life she made an annual visit to Stratford to see the Royal Shakespeare Company.

On leaving university Teresa worked for a short while for the publishing house Jonathan Cape. She kept up with her left-wing circle of friends and in the early years of the Second World War she found herself resident for a while in a flat at 5 Bentinck Street, leased to Guy Burgess by Victor Rothschild. This flat was a gathering point of intellectual and social revellers, draining the last dregs from their rapidly vanishing way of life.

Teresa was recruited by MI5. She worked as an assistant to Victor Rothschild, and was particularly involved in doing analytical work on anti-sabotage operations. As a member of a counter-intelligence group she entered Paris with the Allied Forces after the liberation. She was appointed MBE in 1945 in recognition of her valour for throwing an unexploded bomb which had been hidden in a crate of onions off a bridge.

After the war she worked for a short while as an assistant to Philip Noel-Baker in his capacity as Minister of State at the Foreign Office with responsibility for the United Nations. In 1946 she married *Victor Rothschild — his first* marriage had ended in divorce — and together they returned to Cambridge. This city had always been the focal point of her life and there she fitted herself to her social duties with a calm seriousness. She served as a JP and a chairman of the bench and lectured at the Institute of Criminology as well as sitting on Home Office boards which dealt with penal reform. But it was her husband, children — and later grandchildren — who remained at the centre of her life.

Her husband predeceased her in 1990. She is survived by two daughters, both of whom have pursued academic careers, and a son who has entered the Rothschild firm. There was another son who died young.

LEON GARFIELD

Leon Garfield, children's author, died on June 2 aged 74. He was born on July 14, 1921.



IN 1992, when the first animated, half-hour version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was shown on BBC2, there was general consternation among Shakespearean purists. The havoc that would be wreaked upon the original text to compress it to the necessary length was barely imaginable.

They need not have worried. The author in charge of reducing Shakespeare's matchless couplets for the Russian animators was Leon Garfield. He had never scripted anything in his life, but he was fired with enthusiasm to bring Shakespeare to the small screen.

A Midsummer Night's Dream was the first of six Shakespearean adaptations for children. But they were such a success that, on completion, BBC2 scheduled them for an evening slot, assured that adults would find them equally stimulating.

Leon Garfield was the most admired writer for older children of his generation. He was a master storyteller, with a light, deliciously witty prose style. He could relax into comedy and occasionally extravagant description, as when he wrote in *The Sound of Coaches* (1974): "July came in like a dirty great kitchen maid, slamming clouds and spilling water everwhere."

He was a master of the historical narrative, particularly of the 18th century, and his marvellously detailed knowledge of social customs in bygone days shone through every story. Garfield described a London still echoing with the raucous cries of watermen, cobblers and linkboys. After reading *The Valentine* (1977), for example, children would know more about 18th-century burial customs than their parents possibly thought was healthy.

Garfield had spent years labouring over test tubes before becoming a writer. His father was a flamboyant but erratic businessman, and he grew up in Brighton, where he was educated at a grammar school.

Garfield then went to art school, but the war interrupted his studies, and he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He met his wife Vivien Alcock (also a children's writer) when she was driving an ambulance. Afterwards he remained in medicine, working as a hospital biochemist at Whittington Hospital, Highgate.

He had always wanted to write and did so from an early age. All the work from his early period was stowed away into a big trunk. The first novel which Garfield decided was good enough to show to the world was *Jack Holborn*. Grace Hogarth, then setting up a new children's list at Constable, read the manuscript and recognised it as a splendid adventure story, which, with a few minor amendments, would make perfect reading for children. *Jack Holborn* was published in 1964 and Garfield remained a children's writer. By the late 1960s he was in a strong enough position to give up his day job, and to concentrate on fiction full-time.

Garfield wrote a novel a year from then on. His favourite means of research was ferreting around in second-hand bookshops — the musty, out-of-print volumes often yielded real treasures, such as a manual on acting by an 18th-century actor-manager, which he used as background material for *The Sound of Coaches*.

His best-known novel was *Smith* (1967), about a sharp-witted pickpocket growing up in London in the 18th century. Like most of his books, it was a moral tale. Smith steals a document, the contents of which put his life in danger. But, because he cannot read, he remains ignorant of the nature of the threat. Eventually he befriends a blind man who teaches him to read. *Smith* is now a set text in schools, and very few children growing up in Britain have gone through school without discovering its charms.

*The 18th century also pro*vided inspiration for *The Pleasure Garden* (1976), a novel which, because of its allegorical reworking of the story of the Fall, was read in America as an adult book. Garfield won the Carnegie Medal for *The God Beneath the Sea* in 1970 and the children's section of the Whitbread in 1980 for *John Diamond*.

He was a modest man, bemused by his success, but enchanted by the relative freedom this gave him, late in his life, from financial constraints. Suddenly he no longer had to worry about whether he could afford to buy a particularly good camera. *One of the first things he did* when he had the money was to build a darkroom.

He had concentrated on Shakespeare for the past four years. As well as the animated series for television, he set himself to retell the complete works of Shakespeare, which were published by Gollancz in two volumes. His death, which followed surgery, was sudden and unexpected.

He is survived by his wife Vivien, and by their daughter, who is a primary schoolteacher.

PERSONAL COLUMN

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at St Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London EC4P 4BN on 12th June 1996 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
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ON THIS DAY

June 4, 1830

The language of these short leading articles was austere and the criticism, containing no redeeming feature, was stinging. It is as though the writer had got out of bed the wrong side.

Mr. SADLER'S motion for a bill to better the condition of the labouring poor of the British empire was negatived, after very little discussion, with a division. There is, indeed, something supremely offensive in a man of his limited knowledge and mediocre talents presuming to grapple with such a comprehensive and transcendently important subject. There is a degree of pretension so disproportionate to the means of the pretender, that even flattery is forced to call it, not high-spirited ambition, but gross presumption. A tawdry speech, stuffed with quotations, constitute neither an orator nor a stateman.

A furious letter, addressed by Mr. O'CONNELL, which we see in the evening papers, obtrudes the writer on our notice. This man is tame enough,—flatteringly, sneakingly tame, in the House of Commons, but speaks outrageously in Ireland, and writes outrageously to Ireland, to make it be believed that he is the most terrific of patriots in his place in Parliament. Yet, in his ravings of the latter description, he is very little, if at all, better than poor old drivelling COBBETT. Abusive words and inconclusive reasoning! Will those who have the watching of Mr. O'CONNELL think him worth purchase? He may write coarse letters in Ireland without being sent into Parliament, and will then have time enough for all the calls of his profession.

Some of our correspondents have mistaken our meaning: we have never thrown any doubt on the existence of *hydrophobia, nor failed to express the* utmost horror at that shocking and incurable malady. We are as anxious as any of our readers for some public act which may in a great degree prevent what cannot be cured——the infliction of this terrible calamity. All we meant to say yesterday was, that there is a risk, in a time of general panic, of passing some measure, which from its extravagance may produce a reaction in the public mind destructive of the efficacy of such a measure.

One remedy, however, there is, to which no reasonable objection can be raised, and which is as practicable as it is expedient. In some country towns——Brighton, for instance——and in some districts of the metropolis, there are local *acts of Parliament empowering* the magistracy to order all dogs found at large to be destroyed, and the owners, if known, to be fined to the amount of 5l. Let this act be made general; and let the fine on the owner be raised to 10l instead of 5l.

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Note that three new Rising Stars: **20132 Radostin Kishishev**, **41647 Sergen Yalcin** and **51055 Antonio Folha** have replaced previous players in this category who were not included in the final squads. It is the responsibility of everyplayer to make sure their team conforms to these restrictions at all times.

Full details of how to play and enter are given below. On the opposite page is a list of the players making up the countries competing in the European championship finals. If you have already entered the competition but find one or more of your selected players no longer appears in the list, do not panic. Instead, use the telephone alteration line, the number for which is given below, to change your team.

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TRANSFERS

The Euro ITF competition is separated into five transfer sections. For each section, you may transfer up to five individual players (including the manager), but it is important to note that you may only use the transfer facility once for each team.

During Section 1 (Saturday, June 8 to Tuesday, June 11 inclusive), team selectors will be able to transfer up to (but no more than) five individuals, the transfers becoming effective from the commencement of Section 2. During Section 2 (Thursday, June 13 to Sunday, June 16 inclusive), team selectors may register their next transfers, which will become effective for matches in Section 3, and during Section 3 (Tuesday, June 18 to Wednesday, June 19 inclusive) they may register their transfers which will become effective for matches in Section 4.

During Section 4, which covers the four quarter-finals, team selectors may now choose up to four individuals from any one country, which will become effective for matches in Section 5, which covers the semi-finals and final.

The telephone transfer line opens on Saturday 8 June at 3pm for Section 1 games and is:

0891 333 335

The number for readers in the Republic of Ireland is **004 4990 200 635.**

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IT IS easy to play Euro Interactive Team Football on the Internet. Enter a team for just £5, and you can make all your player transfers free on-line. Special screens will allow you to check the performance of your team and individual players.

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and click on to the Euro ITF "Button". You can pay by credit card on-line or, if you prefer, by post. To enter by post you will need to print out an entry form from *The Times*' Internet site and send it to the Euro ITF entry address (details below), with a postal or money order for £5 sterling. In return, you will receive a special Personal Identification Number (PIN) enabling you to enter your team on the site.



Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur central defender, has played with and against some of the best footballers in the world

Klinsmann a must in Euro ITF

Gary Mabbutt draws on a wealth of experience and tells **James Willoughby** about his idea of a winning selection

THE GERMANS looked to have a very tight defence so Oliver Kahn, their goalkeeper, should not concede too many and is a sensible choice to start off my team. His team-mate Jürgen Kohler, is a central defender of the highest class, too. But you can have only two players from each nation in your side and I want to save my other German selection for Jürgen Klinsmann.

For that reason I will plump instead for Slaven Bilic, of West Ham United and Croatia. I have been impressed by Bilic this season and I think it is worth putting at least one Croatia player in your side because many people view them as the possible surprise packets of the tournament. My other central defender is Tony Adams who will give England's chances a big boost if he is fit for Euro 96.

My full-backs are Paolo Maldini, of Italy and AC Milan — arguably the best in the world in his position — and Frank de Boer of Holland, who is a very versatile player.

In midfield I will use my Rising Star allocation on Zinedine Zidane of France who is an outstanding player. I am very much looking forward to watching him this summer. I am including Paul Gascoigne, not out of loyalty but in a genuine belief that he is going to rise to the occasion in Euro '96 and do something special to swing things for England. He is great at getting forward and always a goal-scoring threat. Demetrio Albertini of Italy and Michael Landrup, of Denmark, complete my attacking midfield.

The strikers I most rate are those who can turn the game with one flash of brilliance. In other words they are unpredictable. I have picked two players who have made an impact in Britain in Klinsmann and Dennis Bergkamp. When my club, Tottenham Hotspur, lured a world-class player like Klinsmann to the Premiership they became the flag-bearers. Other players from outside this country looked at what Klinsmann had done and were encouraged to come here too.

I am such a fan of Gullit's because he is so adaptable. He could play in any country and play the way that is required to succeed but he has retired from international football and his fellow countryman, Bergkamp, gets my vote instead. He is one of the trickiest opponents I have faced and I think it is his experience that will really come through this summer.

My manager is Antonio Oliveira, of Portugal, because I think Portugal are going to perform well.

MABBUTT'S EURO ITF TEAM

Goalkeeper
10701 Oliver Kahn (Germany)

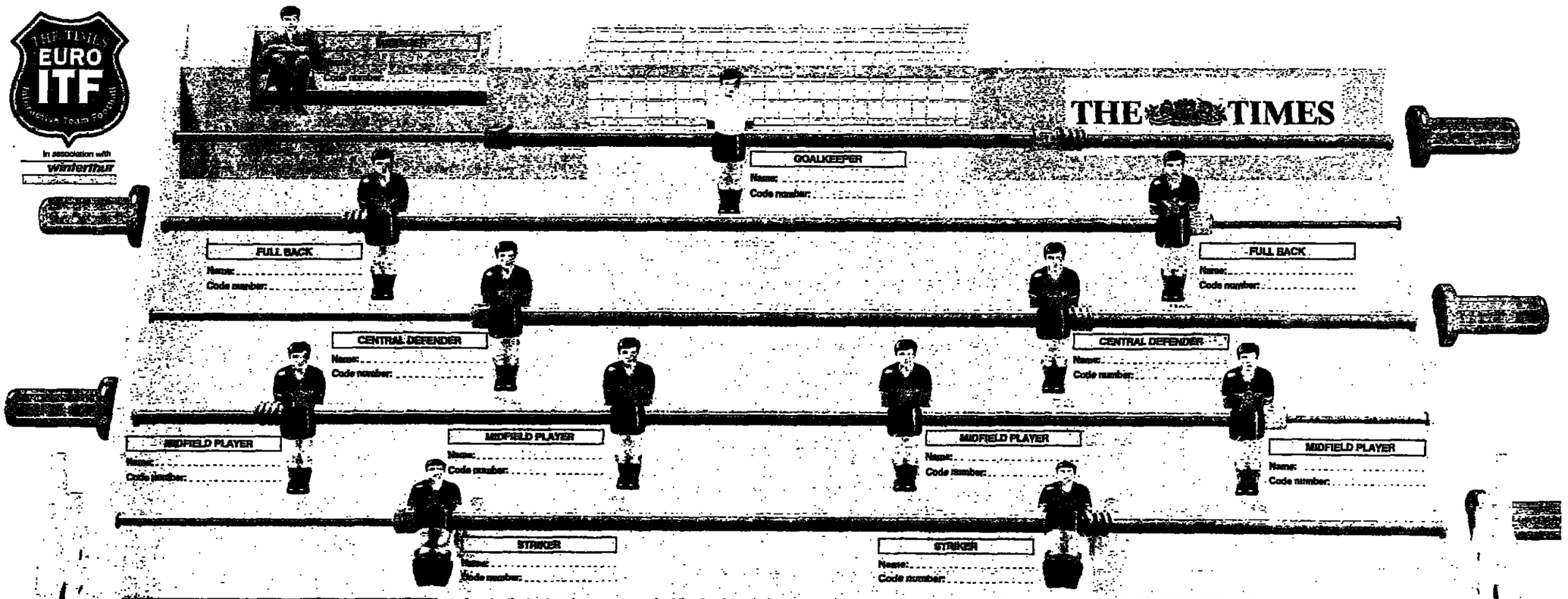
Full backs
20933 Paolo Maldini (Italy)
20831 Frank de Boer (Holland)

Central defenders
30231 Slaven Bilic (Croatia)
30531 Tony Adams (England)

Midfield players
40941 Demetrio Albertini (Italy)
40542 Paul Gascoigne (England)
40441 Michael Laudrup (Denmark)
40646 Zinedine Zidane (France)

Strikers
50753 Jürgen Klinsmann (Germany)
50851 Dennis Bergkamp (Holland)

Manager
61061 Antonio Oliviera (Portugal)



HOW TO PLAY

You have to select a team of 11 players, including one Rising Star, and a manager.

You must pick
1 GOALKEEPER 2 FULL BACKS
2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS
2 STRIKERS 1 MANAGER

Players and the manager must be chosen from the Euro Interactive Team Football category lists (which include code numbers).

You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same country, and no players can be picked twice.

You must also include one player (and no more than one player) who has been selected as a Rising Star. There are 16 of these, one from each country, and are denoted by the use of RS after their country/club in the category lists.

You can register your team by post or by telephone. Postal applications must be received by last post on Thursday, June 6. The closing date for telephone entries is midday on Saturday, June 8. You may enter as many times as you like. Your players and manager accumulate points in all matches in Euro 96. The team with the most points at the end of Euro 96 wins £25,000. There will also be four £1,000 prizes for the best performance in each of the first four sections. If there is more than one winner, a tie-break will be applied. If there is still more than one winner, the prizes will be shared.

BY POST

Fill in the entry form on the bell, right (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 made payable to The Times Euro ITF to Euro Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS, to arrive by last post on Thursday, June 6. Postal entrants will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of their Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team.

BY TELEPHONE

Once you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling 0891 405011. The registration line for readers entering from the Republic of Ireland is 004 4990 100 320. Telephone entries must be received by midday on Saturday, June 8.

Then follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager in the following order: the goalkeeper, the two full backs, the two central defenders, the four midfield players, the two strikers and the manager.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address (with postcode) and daytime telephone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* Euro ITF team form to record your selections and your PIN. Calls will cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about eight minutes. Each player you enter will be confirmed on the telephone after you have completed each selection. You will be notified of your PIN at the end of the call. No postal notification will be sent.

TRANSFERS

Euro ITF will introduce a transfer system shortly after the start of the game in which you will be able to transfer up to five players (including a manager) per section. Transfers will only be made by telephone.

To enter by phone call
0891 405 011
Calls cost 39p per min cheap rate, 49p per min at other times. Calls should last approximately 8 mins

TEAM NAME .....
Goalkeeper (up to 16 characters)
Full back Full back
Central defender Central defender
Midfielder Midfielder
Midfielder Midfielder
Striker Striker
Manager PIN
Name .....
Address .....
Postcode ..... Daytime telephone no .....
Send your entries (with £2 entry fee) to: Euro Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS

Which age group are you ? (TICK BOX)
(1) 15-24 (2) 25-34 (3) 35-44 (4) 45-54 (5) 55-64 (6) 65+

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HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

POINTS SCORED

GOALKEEPER	
Keeps clean sheet* (excluding penalty shoot-out)	+4
Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+3
Saves penalty in penalty shoot-out	+3
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER	
Keeps clean sheet* (including penalty shoot-out)	+3
Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+3
MIDFIELD PLAYER	
Keeps clean sheet* (excluding penalty shoot-out)	+1
Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+2
STRIKER	
§ (including penalty shoot-out)	+2
ALL PLAYERS	
Appearance†	+1
Score goal in extra time	+4
MANAGER	
Team wins in group match	+3
Team draws in group match	+1
Team wins in quarter-final, semi-final or final	+6

POINTS DEDUCTED

GOALKEEPER	
Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out)	-2
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER	
Concedes goal (excluding penalty shoot-out)	-2
ALL PLAYERS	
Yellow card	-1
Second yellow card (sent off with red card)	-2
Red card (sent off without being shown yellow card previously)	-3
ALL PLAYERS	
Concedes penalty	-1
Misses penalty (including penalty shoot-out)	-1
Scores own goal	-1
MANAGER	
Team loses in group match	-1
Team loses in quarter-final, semi-final or final	-3

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match

EXAMPLE

Your midfield player scores three goals (3 x 2pts = 6pts), is booked (minus 1pt), misses a penalty (minus 1pt) and plays throughout (1pt) in a 3-0 win (clean sheet = 1pt). He has scored 6 points in that match.

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GOALKEEPERS

Player (Country/club)	Age	Caps
Borislav Mihailov (Bulgaria, Reading)	33	92
Dimitar Popov (Bulgaria, CSKA)	26	13
Zdravko Zdravkov (Bulgaria, Slavia Sofia)	25	1
Tonci Gabric (Croatia, Hajduk Split)	35	7
Drazen Ladic (Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	33	22
Marijan Mrmic (Croatia, Varteks Varazdin)	30	4
Petr Kouba (Cz Rep, Sparta Prague)	27	29
Pavel Srnicek (Cz Rep, Newcastle United)	28	3
Ladislav Maier (Cz Rep, Slovan Liberec)	30	1
Lars Hoegh (Denmark, Odense)	37	8
Mogens Krogh (Denmark, Brondby)	32	5
Peter Schmeichel (Denmark, Manchester United)	32	83
Tim Flowers (England, Blackburn Rovers)	29	8
David Seaman (England, Arsenal)	32	24
Ian Walker (England, Tottenham Hotspur)	24	2
Fabien Barthez (France, Monaco)	24	6
Bernard Lama (France, Paris Saint-Germain)	33	26
Bruno Martini (France, Montpellier)	34	30
Oliver Kahn (Germany, Bayern Munich)	26	3
Andreas KCopke (Germany, Eintracht Frankfurt)	34	32
Oliver Reck (Germany, Werder Bremen)	31	0
Ed de Goey (Holland, Feyenoord)	29	27
Edwin van der Sar (Holland, Ajax)	25	6
Ruud Hesp (Holland, Roda JC)	30	0
Luca Bucci (Italy, Parma)	27	3
Angelo Peruzzi (Italy, Juventus)	26	6
Francesco Toldo (Italy, Fiorentina)	27	2
Vitor Baia (Portugal, Porto)	26	40
Alfredo Castro (Portugal, Boavista)	33	3
Rui Correia (Portugal, Braga)	28	1
Florin Alexandru Tene (Romania, Rapid Bucharest)	28	4
Florin Prunea (Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	28	30
Bogdan Stelea (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	29	32
Stanislav Cherchesov (Russia, FC Tyrol)	32	36
Dmitri Kharine (Russia, Chelsea)	27	34
Sergei Ovchinnikov (Russia, Lokomotiv Moscow)	25	2
Andy Goram (Scotland, Rangers)	32	36
Jim Leighton (Scotland, Hibernian)	37	73
Nicky Walker (Scotland, Partick Thistle)	33	1
Andoni Zubizarreta (Spain, Valencia)	34	106
Santiago CaDnizares (Spain, Real Madrid)	27	9
Jose Molina (Spain, Atletico Madrid)	25	1
Stephane Lehmann (Switzerland, Sion)	32	7
Marco Pascolo (Switzerland, Servette)	29	36
Joel Corminboeuf (Switzerland, Neuchatel)	33	6
Rustu Recber (Turkey, Fenerbahce)	23	14
Erkan Acman (Turkey, Ankaragucuspor)	28	1
Goymen Sarver (Turkey, Altayspor)	29	2

FULL BACKS

Player (Country/club)	Age	Caps
Ilian Kiryakov (Bulgaria, Anorthosis)	28	54
Radostin Kishishev (Bulgaria, Neftohimik Bourgas — RS)	21	6
Emil Kremenliev (Bulgaria, Olympiakos)	26	24
Tzanko Tsvetanov (Bulgaria, Waldhof Mannheim)	26	33
Elvis Brajkovic (Croatia, Bayern Munich)	26	6
Robert Jarni (Croatia, Real Betis)	27	19
Nikola Jurcevic (Croatia, Freiburg)	28	13
Dario Simic (Croatia, FC Croatia)	20	1
Radoslav Latal (Cz Rep, Schalke 04)	26	27
Jan Suchoparek (Cz Rep, Slavia Prague)	27	29
Martin Kotulek (Cz Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	26	0
Thomas Helveg (Denmark, Udinese)	24	12
Jacob Laursen (Denmark, Silkeborg — RS)	24	11
Torben Piechnik (Denmark, Aarhus)	32	13
Jens Risager (Denmark, Brondby)	25	11
Gary Neville (England, Manchester United — RS)	21	10
Philip Neville (England, Manchester United)	19	1
Stuart Pearce (England, Nottingham Forest)	34	65
Sol Campbell (England, Tottenham)	22	1
Jocelyn Angloma (France, Torino)	30	32
Eric Di Meco (France, Monaco)	32	20
Bixente Lizarazu (France, Bordeaux)	26	17
Lilian Thuram (France, Monaco)	24	8
Stefan Reuter (Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	29	51
Rene Schneider (Germany, Rostock)	23	1
Frank de Boer (Holland, Ajax)	25	40
Winston Bogarde (Holland, Ajax)	25	2
Michael Reiziger (Holland, Ajax)	23	6
Luigi Apolloni (Italy, Parma)	29	10
Amedeo Carboni (Italy, Roma)	31	10
Paolo Maldini (Italy, AC Milan)	27	67
Roberto Mussi (Italy, Parma)	32	7
Paulinho Santos (Portugal, Porto)	25	11
Carlos Secretario (Portugal, Porto)	26	12
Jose Tavares (Portugal, Boavista)	30	3
Dimas Teixeira (Portugal, Benfica)	27	5
Dan Petrescu (Romania, Chelsea)	29	50
Tibor Selymes (Romania, Cercle Brugge)	26	37
Yuri Kovtun (Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	26	14
Sergei Gortukovich (Russia, Spartak Moscow)	34	35
Tommy Boyd (Scotland, Celtic)	30	34
Craig Burley (Scotland, Chelsea)	24	8
Stewart McKimmie (Scotland, Aberdeen)	33	38
Tosh McKinlay (Scotland, Celtic)	31	4
Sergi Barjuan (Spain, Barcelona)	24	18
Alberto Belsue (Spain, Real Zaragoza)	28	12
Jorge Otero (Spain, Valencia)	33	8
Juan Manuel Lopez Martinez (Spain, Atletico Madrid)	26	6
Marc Hottiger (Switzerland, Everton)	28	60
Yvan Quentin (Switzerland, Sion)	26	26
Sebastien Jeanneret (Switzerland, Neuchatel)	22	1
Raphael Wicky (Switzerland, Sion)	19	1
Recep Cetin (Turkey, Besiktas)	30	47
Incesfe Vedat (Turkey, DC Karabukspor)	22	1

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Player (Country/club)	Age	Caps
30133	Gosho Guinchev (Bulgaria, Denizlispor)	27	3
30134	Petar Hubchev (Bulgaria, Hamburg)	32	30
30135	Trifon Ivanov (Bulgaria, Rapid Vienna)	30	59
30231	Slaven Bilic (Croatia, West Ham United)	27	20
30232	Nikola Jerkan (Croatia, Real Oviedo)	32	20
30233	Dubravko Pavlicic (Croatia, Hercules)	28	16
30234	Zvonimir Soldo (Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	28	10
30235	Igor Stimac (Croatia, Derby County)	28	16
30331	Michal Hornak (Cz Rep, Sparta Prague)	26	4
30332	Miroslav Kadlec (Cz Rep, Kaisersiautern)	31	51
30333	Lubos Kubik (Cz Rep, Petra Drnovice)	31	46
30334	Karel Rada (Cz Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	24	2
30431	Jes Hoegh (Denmark, Fenerbahce)	29	21
30432	Lars Olsen (Denmark, Brondby)	35	84
30433	Marc Rieper (Denmark, West Ham United)	27	37
30531	Tony Adams (England, Arsenal)	29	40
30533	Gareth Southgate (England, Aston Villa)	25	4
30534	Steve Howey (England, Newcastle United)	24	4
30631	Laurent Blanc (France, Auxerre)	30	47
30632	Marcel Desailly (France, AC Milan)	27	20
30633	Franck LeBouef (France, Strasbourg)	28	7
30634	Alain Roche (France, Paris Saint-Germain)	28	27
30731	Markus Babbel (Germany, Bayern Munich)	23	13
30732	Thomas Helmer (Germany, Bayern Munich)	31	45
30733	Jurgen Kohler (Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	30	81
30734	Matthias Sammer (Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	28	39
30831	Danny Blind (Holland, Ajax)	34	37
30832	Johan de Kock (Holland, Roda JC)	31	6
30834	John Veldman (Holland, Sparta Rotterdam)	28	1
30931	Alessandro Costacurta (Italy, AC Milan)	30	35
30933	Moreno Torricelli (Italy, Juventus)	26	1
30934	Alessandro Nesta (Italy, Lazio)	20	?
31031	Fernando Couto (Portugal, Parma)	26	31
31032	Helder CristovDao (Portugal, Benfica)	25	18
31033	Paulo Madeira (Portugal, Belenenses)	25	12
31131	Anton Dobos (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	31	6
31132	Gheorghe Mihali (Romania, Guingamp)	31	30
31133	Gheorghe Popescu (Romania, Barcelona)	29	61
31134	Daniel Prodan (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	27	31
31135	Miodrag Belodedici (Romania, Villareal)	32	46
31231	Yevgeny Bushmanov (Russia, CSKA Moscow)	24	2
31232	Yuri Nikiforov (Russia, Spartak Moscow)	25	29
31233	Omar Tetradze (Russia, Alania Vladikavkaz)	26	20
31331	Colin Calderwood (Scotland, Tottenham Hotspur)	31	10
31332	Colin Hendry (Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	30	17
31334	Derek Whyte (Scotland, Middlesbrough)	27	8
31431	Rafael Alkorta (Spain, Real Madrid)	27	35
31432	Abelardo Fernandez (Spain, Barcelona)	26	18
31433	Fernando Hierro (Spain, Real Madrid)	28	41
31434	Miquel Angel Nadal (Spain, Barcelona)	29	30
31531	Alain Geiger (Switzerland, Grasshopper)	35	110
31532	Stephane Henchoz (Switzerland, Hamburg)	21	16
31534	Roman Vega (Switzerland, Grasshopper)	25	8
31535	Regis Rothenbuhler (Switzerland, Neuchatel)	25	10
31631	Alpay Ozala (Turkey, Besiktas)	23	18
31632	Bulent Korkmaz (Turkey, Galatasaray)	27	45
31633	Ogun Temizkanlioglu (Turkey, Trabzonspor)	24	35

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Player (Country/club)	Age	Caps
40141	Krasimir Balakov (Bulgaria, VfB Stuttgart)	30	51
40142	Daniel Bormirov (Bulgaria, Munich 1860)	26	21
40143	Borricho Guentchev (Bulgaria, Luton Town)	31	9
40144	Yordan Lechkov (Bulgaria, Hamburg)	28	33

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Gheorghe Popescu is a key defensive player in the Romania team

40145	Zlatko Yankov (Bulgaria, Bayer Uerdingen)	29	4
40146	Ivaylo Yordanov (Bulgaria, Sporting Lisbon)	27	22
40147	Georgi Donkov (Bulgaria, CSKA Sofia)	26	0
40241	Aljosa Asanovic (Croatia, Derby County)	30	18
40242	Zvonimir Boban (Croatia, AC Milan)	28	16
40243	Mladen Mladenovic (Croatia, Salzburg)	32	16
40245	Robert Prosinecki (Croatia, Barcelona)	28	13
40246	Mario Stanic (Croatia, FC Bruges — RS)	23	7
40341	Patrik Berger (Cz Rep, Borussia Dortmund — RS)	22	13
40343	Martin Frydek (Cz Rep, Sparta Prague)	27	22
40345	Pavel Nedved (Cz Rep, Sparta Prague)	23	7
40346	Jiri Nemec (Cz Rep, Schalke 04)	29	33
40347	Vaclav Nemecek (Cz Rep, Servette)	29	55
40348	Karel Poborsky (Cz Rep, Slavia Prague)	24	12
40349	Radek Bejbl (Cz Rep, Slavia Prague)	23	5
40350	Pavel Novotny (Cz Rep, Slavia Prague)	22	0
40441	Michael Laudrup (Denmark, Real Madrid)	31	87
40442	Allan Nielsen (Denmark, Brondby)	25	3
40444	Brian Steen Nielsen (Denmark, Odense)	27	34
40445	Michael Schjoenberg (Denmark, Odense)	29	12
40446	Claus Thomsen (Denmark, Ipswich Town)	25	5
40447	Kim Vilfort (Denmark, Brondby)	33	74
40448	Henrik Larsen (Denmark, Lyngby)	30	36
40449	Stig Toefting (Denmark, Aarhus)	26	2
40541	Darren Anderton (England, Tottenham Hotspur)	24	17
40542	Paul Gascoigne (England, Rangers)	28	38
40543	Paul Ince (England, Internazionale)	28	19
40545	Steve McManaman (England, Liverpool)	24	10
40546	David Platt (England, Arsenal)	29	58
40547	Steve Stone (England, Nottingham Forest)	24	6
40549	Jamie Redknapp (England, Liverpool)	22	4
40641	Didier Deschamps (France, Juventus)	27	48
40642	Vincent Guerin (France, Paris Saint-Germain)	30	10
40643	Christian Karembeu (France, Sampdoria)	25	14
40644	Sabri Lamouchi (France, Auxerre)	24	3
40645	Corentin Martins (France, Auxerre)	26	12
40646	Zinedine Zidane (France, Bordeaux — RS)	23	10
40741	Mario Basler (Germany, Werder Bremen)	27	16
40742	Marco Bode (Germany, Werder Bremen)	26	1
40743	Dieter Eilts (Germany, Werder Bremen)	31	14
40744	Steffen Freund (Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	26	13
40745	Thomas Hassler (Germany, Karlsruhe)	30	72
40746	Andy MColler (Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	28	58
40747	Mehmet Scholl (Germany, Bayern Munich — RS)	25	6
40748	Thomas Strunz (Germany, Bayern Munich)	28	25
40749	Christian Ziege (Germany, Bayern Munich)	24	16
40841	Edgar Davids (Holland, Ajax — RS)	23	5
40842	Ronald de Boer (Holland, Ajax)	25	22
40844	Clarence Seedorf (Holland, Sampdoria)	21	9
40845	Aron Winter (Holland, Lazio)	29	52
40846	Philip Cocu (Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	25	1
40941	Demetrio Albertini (Italy, AC Milan)	24	34
40942	Dino Baggio (Italy, Parma)	24	29
40944	Alessandro Del Piero (Italy, Juventus)	21	8
40945	Angelo Di Livio (Italy, Juventus)	29	3
40946	Roberto Di Matteo (Italy, Lazio)	25	10
40947	Roberto Donadoni (Italy, AC Milan)	32	59
40948	Diego Fuser (Italy, Lazio)	27	4
40949	Fabio Rossitto (Italy, Udinese)	24	0
41043	Rui Costa (Portugal, Fiorentina)	24	21
41044	Oceano Cruz (Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	33	39
41045	Luis Figo (Portugal, Barcelona)	23	27
41046	Vitor Paneira (Portugal, SC Vitoria)	30	43
41047	Sa Pinto (Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	23	9
41048	Paulo Sousa (Portugal, Juventus)	25	24
41141	Iulian Filipescu (Romania, Steaua Bucharest — RS)	21	2
41142	Ioan Angelo Lupescu (Romania, Bayer Leverkusen)	28	47
41144	Dorinel Munteanu (Romania, Cologne)	28	45
41147	Ioan Sabau (Romania, Brescia)	28	47
41148	Ovidiu Stinga (Romania, Salamanca (Spa))	23	11
41241	Andrei Kanchelskis (Russia, Everton)	27	41
41242	Valery Karpin (Russia, Real Sociedad)	27	28
41243	Alexander Mostovoi (Russia, Strasbourg)	27	31
41244	Viktor Onopko (Russia, Oviedo)	26	41
41246	Vladislav Radimov (Russia, CSKA Moscow)	20	7
41247	Igor Shalimov (Russia, Udinese)	27	42
41248	Ilya Tsymbalar (Russia, Spartak Moscow)	26	13
41249	Dmitry Khokhlov (Russia, CSKA Moscow)	20	0
41250	Igor Yanovsky (Russia, Alaniya Vladikavkaz)	21	0
41341	John Collins (Scotland, Celtic)	28	32
41342	Scot Gemmill (Scotland, Nottingham Forest)	25	5
41343	Gary McAllister (Scotland, Leeds United)	31	40
41344	Stuart McCall (Scotland, Rangers)	31	33
41345	Billy McKinlay (Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	27	17
41441	Jose Luis Caminero (Spain, Atletico Madrid)	28	18
41442	Donato Gama da Silva (Spain, Deportivo La Coruna)	33	11
41445	Julen Guerrero (Spain, Athletic Bilbao)	22	22
41446	Luis Enrique Martinez (Spain, Real Madrid)	26	22
41447	Guillermo Amor (Spain, Barcelona)	28	18
41448	Jose Emilio Amavisca (Spain, Real Madrid)	24	10
41542	Christophe Bonvin (Switzerland, Sion)	31	41
41543	Sebastien Fournier (Switzerland, Sion)	24	11
41544	Marcel Koller (Switzerland, Grasshopper)	35	52
41545	Christophe Ohrel (Switzerland, St Etienne)	28	47
41546	Ciriaco Sforza (Switzerland, Bayern Munich)	26	40
41548	Johan VCogel (Switzerland, Grasshopper — RS)	19	4
41550	Alexander Comisetti (Switzerland, Grasshopper)	22	3
41641	Oguz Cetin (Turkey, Fenerbahce)	33	57
41642	Abdullah Ercan (Turkey, Trabzonspor)	24	24
41643	Tolunay Kafkas (Turkey, Trabzonspor)	28	17
41644	Tugay Kerimoglu (Turkey, Galatasaray)	25	37
41646	Tayfun Korkut (Turkey, Fenerbahce)	22	2
41647	Sergen Yalcin (Turkey, Besiktas — RS)	23	12
41648	Zafir Rahim (Turkey, Gencerbirligi)	25	1
41649	Yigit Faruk (Turkey, Kocaelispor)	28	1

STRIKERS

Code	Player (Country/club)	Age	Caps
50151	Emil Kostadinov (Bulgaria, Bayern Munich)	29	50
50152	Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria, Parma)	30	59
50153	Nasko Sirakov (Bulgaria, Slavia Prague)	34	79
50154	Lyuboslav Penev (Bulgaria, Atletico Madrid)	29	49
50156	Ivo Gueorguiev (Bulgaria, Spartak Varna)	24	0
50251	Alen Boksic (Croatia, Lazio)	26	12
50252	Igor Cvitanovic (Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	26	10
50254	Davor Suker (Croatia, Sevilla)	28	18
50255	Goran Vlaovic (Croatia, Padova)	23	7
50256	Igor Pamic (Croatia, Osijek)	26	2
50351	Radek Drulak (Cz Rep, Petra Drnovice)	34	12
50352	Pavel Kuka (Cz Rep, kaiserslautern)	27	41
50354	Vladimir Smicer (Cz Rep, Slavia Prague)	21	2
50355	Milan Kerbr (Cz Rep, Slavia Prague)	29	0
50451	Erik Bo Andersen (Denmark, Rangers)	25	8
50452	Mikkel Beck (Denmark, Fortuna Cologne)	22	8
50453	Brian Laudrup (Denmark, Rangers)	27	82
50455	Soeren Andersen (Denmark, Aalborg)	26	1
50551	Les Ferdinand (England, Newcastle United)	29	10
50552	Robbie Fowler (England, Liverpool)	21	5
50553	Alan Shearer (England, Blackburn Rovers)	25	23
50554	Teddy Sheringham (England, Tottenham Hotspur)	30	15
50555	Nicky Barmby (England, Middlesbrough)	22	6
50652	Youri Djorkaeff (France, Paris Saint-Germain)	28	15
50653	Christophe Dugarry (France, Bordeaux)	24	9
50654	Patrice Loko (France, Paris Saint-Germain)	26	11
50655	Reynald Pedros (France, Nantes)	24	17
50657	Michael Madar (France, Monaco)	28	2
50751	Oliver Bierhoff (Germany, Udinese)	28	3
50752	Fredi Bobic (Germany, VfB Stuttgart)	24	6
50753	Jurgen Klinsmann (Germany, Bayern Munich)	31	82
50754	Stefan Kuntz (Germany, Besiktas)	33	16
50851	Dennis Bergkamp (Holland, Arsenal)	25	43
50853	Patrick Kluivert (Holland, Ajax)	19	6
50854	Peter Hoekstra (Holland, Ajax)	23	1
50855	Youri Mulder (Holland, Schalke 04)	27	6
50856	Arthur Numan (Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	26	13
50858	Gaston Taument (Holland, Feyenoord)	25	11
50859	Richard Witschge (Holland, Bordeaux)	26	23
50860	Jordi Cruyff (Holland, Barcelona)	22	1
50951	Pierluigi Casiraghi (Italy, Lazio)	27	29
50952	Enrico Chiesa (Italy, Sampdoria — RS)	25	0
50953	Fabrizio Ravanelli (Italy, Juventus)	27	7
50955	Gianfranco Zola (Italy, Parma)	29	19
51052	Pedro Barbosa (Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	25	9
51053	Jorge Cadete (Portugal, Celtic)	27	22
51055	Antonio Folha (Portugal, Porto — RS)	24	18
51056	Domingos Oliveira (Portugal, Porto)	27	27
51057	JoDao Vieira Pinto (Portugal, Benfica)	24	33
51058	Hugo Porfirio (Portugal, Uniao Leiria)	22	0
51153	Constantin Gilca (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	26	16
51154	Gheorghe Hagi (Romania, Barcelona)	31	96
51155	Adrian Ilie (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	22	2
51156	Marius Lacatus (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	32	75
51157	Dinu Moldovan (Romania, Neuchatel Xamax)	23	7
51158	Florin Raducioiu (Romania, Espanol)	26	38
51159	Ion Vladoiu (Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	28	17
51251	Vladimir Beschastnykh (Russia, Werder Bremen — RS)	22	16
51252	Sergei Kiryakov (Russia, Karlsruhe)	26	32
51253	Igor Kolyvanov (Russia, Foggia)	28	39
51257	Igor Simutenkov (Russia, Reggiana)	23	6
51258	Igor Dobrovolski (Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	29	42
51351	Scott Booth (Scotland, Aberdeen — RS)	24	10
51352	Darren Jackson (Scotland, Hibernian)	29	11
51353	Eoin Jess (Scotland, Coventry City)	25	11
51354	Ally McCoist (Scotland, Rangers)	33	52
51357	John Spencer (Scotland, Chelsea)	25	8
51358	Gordon Durie (Scotland, Rangers)	30	27
51359	Kevin Gallacher (Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	29	22
51451	Javier Manjarin (Spain, Deportivo La Coruna)	26	6
51452	Juan Antonio Pizzi (Spain, Tenerife)	27	11
51453	Kiko Narvaez (Spain, Atletico Madrid — RS)	24	8
51455	Julio Salinas (Spain, Sporting Gijon)	33	54
51458	Alfonso Perez (Spain, Real Betis)	23	11
51551	Stephane Chapuisat (Switzerland, Borussia Dortmund)	26	46
51552	Marco Grassi (Switzerland, Rennes)	27	22
51554	Kubilay Turkyilmaz (Switzerland, Grasshopper)	29	48
51555	David Sesa (Switzerland, Servette)	22	1
51651	Orhan Cikirikci (Turkey, Trabzonspor)	29	25
51652	Arif Erdem (Turkey, Galatasaray)	24	9
51654	Hami Mandirali (Turkey, Trabzonspor)	26	37
51655	Ertugrul Saglam (Turkey, Besiktas)	26	22
51656	Saffet Sancakli (Turkey, Kocaelispor)	30	11
51657	Hakan Sukur (Turkey, Galatasaray)	24	26

MANAGERS

Code	Manager (Country)
60161	Dimitar Penev (Bulgaria)
60261	Miroslav Blazevic (Croatia)
60361	Dusan Uhrin (Czech Republic)
60461	Richard Moeller Nielsen (Denmark)
60561	Terry Venables (England)
60661	Aime Jacquet (France)
60761	Berti Vogts (Germany)
60861	Guus Hiddink (Holland)
60961	Arrigo Sacchi (Italy)
61061	Antonio Oliveira (Portugal)
61161	Anghel Iordanescu (Romania)
61261	Oleg Romantsev (Russia)
61361	Craig Brown (Scotland)
61461	Javier Clemente (Spain)
61561	Artur Jorge (Switzerland)
61661	Fatih Terim (Turkey)

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NEWS

Hillsborough police win damages

■ Fourteen police officers are to receive a total of £1.2 million in agreed damages for mental trauma suffered as a result of rescuing football fans during the Hillsborough disaster seven years ago.

Relations of the 96 fans who died in the crowd crush at the Leppings Lane end of the Sheffield Wednesday ground criticised the awards. Some were refused damages for post-traumatic stress after a legal test case five years ago. Offers as low as £2,000 for the loss of relations were made ..... **Page 1**

England squad fined for plane damage

■ The Football Association fined the entire England squad for the damage caused to a jumbo jet during a party on the return flight from Hong Kong last week. No individuals were blamed for the smashing of television sets and a table ..... **Page 1**

Cash for children

Plans to give £20 a week to youngsters to encourage them to stay on at school are being proposed by David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary ..... **Page 1**

BSE fines

Farmers and suppliers will face fines of up to £5,000 if they keep suspect animal feed, which could spread BSE, beyond the end of next month ..... **Page 1**

Richards campaign

Rod Richards, who resigned as a junior minister over allegations of an extramarital affair, was facing a growing campaign in his constituency to oust him as an MP at the next election ..... **Page 2**

Lady Tryon paralysed

Lady Tryon, one of the Prince of Wales's closest friends, has been paralysed from the shoulders down after she fell out of a window at a rehabilitation clinic, her son said ..... **Page 3**

Hidden treasure

A sculpture that stood neglected for more than a century in an English garden has been identified as a missing work by Antonio Canova who sculpted the *The Three Graces* ..... **Page 5**

Road rage penalty

Drivers who commit road-rage offences could be refused insurance cover. Cornhill said it had received a big increase in claims over such incidents ..... **Page 8**

Curfew support

The Labour leadership threw its weight behind Jack Straw's proposals to introduce curfews for children under ten as it played down internal party divisions over the issue ..... **Page 9**

Listing buildings row

English Heritage's latest choice of postwar functionalist buildings to recommend for listing sparked renewed controversy ..... **Page 10**

Public suicide

A shadowy Swiss banker who spent his life supporting Nazism and bankrolling the legal defence of war criminals and terrorists has committed suicide at his home near Lausanne in front of a group of witnesses ..... **Page 10**

Wild West mystery

All that is known for certain is that Meriwether Lewis, the explorer who opened up the West, died of knife and gunshot wounds on October 11, 1809. Now an inquest may reveal more ... **Page 12**

Bahrain coup

The tiny sheikhdom of Bahrain, the Gulf's main financial centre and base for the US Fifth Fleet, announced that it had foiled a coup attempt ..... **Page 13**

Hostage search

German federal police have sent dogs to India to search a forest area in the eastern Kashmir Valley for the possible graves of four Western hostages ..... **Page 14**

We have ways of making you laugh

■ Every day the rugged American pilot Colonel Hogan and his fellow Allied prisoners wage a proxy war with the monocled camp commandant Colonel Klink; every day the numskull Germans are outwitted and every day almost a million German viewers laugh themselves silly. The war has become an acceptable subject for TV comedy in Germany ..... **Page 11**



GILL ALLEN

Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian president, with John Major in Downing Street at the start of his visit to Britain. Leading article, page 19

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Economy: Manufacturing remained weak in May as companies, stuck with large stocks and falling orders, cut back on production and staff ..... **Page 25**

British Telecom: New pricing controls from Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, will save BT's residential customers a combined total of about £125 million a year ..... **Page 25**

High streets: Almost 100 potential purchasers have already expressed interest in parts of Facia, Stephen Hinchliffe's retail group which collapsed over the weekend ... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 8.6 to 3739.2. Sterling was unchanged at 86.3 after a fall from $1.5497 to $1.5493 and from DM2.3659 to DM2.3650 ..... **Page 28**

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Cricket: Yorkshire missed a chance to go top of the county championship when they lost to Middlesex by 21 runs at Lord's with ten balls of the match remaining ..... **Page 43**

Rugby union: Bedford are planning to offer posts to Geoff Cooke, the former England manager, and to Paul Turner, the player-coach of Sale and a former Wales international ..... **Page 46**

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Art on show: The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art presents the finest Giacometti show for decades, while Balraj Khanna's joyful brand of Surrealism is paraded on the south coast ..... **Page 33**

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Will the Atlantic alliance last? Historically not one military pact has ever survived the menace against which it was created. Will NATO be the exception to the rule? Yes, on the condition that it adapts its missions and its structure of the new environment following the Cold War — *Le Figaro*



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In the past, the conductor might confront the child who swore on the bus while the policeman would feel the collar of the petty vandal. It is necessary to restore something of that culture ..... **Page 19**

The great survivor?

Mr Arafat may appear stuck between two sets of hawks, Islamic and Jewish, but he has the ability to play them off against each other. With the demise of Labour, he finds himself in the position of de facto ally with the Americans .... **Page 19**

Football crazy

The impression given by the latest bad behaviour by the England football team is not so much of lions led by donkeys as of hippopotami managed by hypocrites ..... **Page 19**

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LIBBY PURVES

We have shamefully little respect for engineers and technicians, yet take it for granted that if you hand over enough money (and money is always respected) you can eat breakfast in a blizzard and dive a coral reef that afternoon .... **Page 18**

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

In deciding what kind of building to put into the Boilerhouse Yard, the V&A has a choice. We could play safe and choose a design which would imitate and harmonise with its immediate neighbours. The trustees have preferred to choose an architect who will give us a building in a contemporary and forward-looking style ..... **Page 18**

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The garden ought to be looking rosy for the Tories. Britain sails ahead without any appreciable danger of rocks ..... **Page 18**

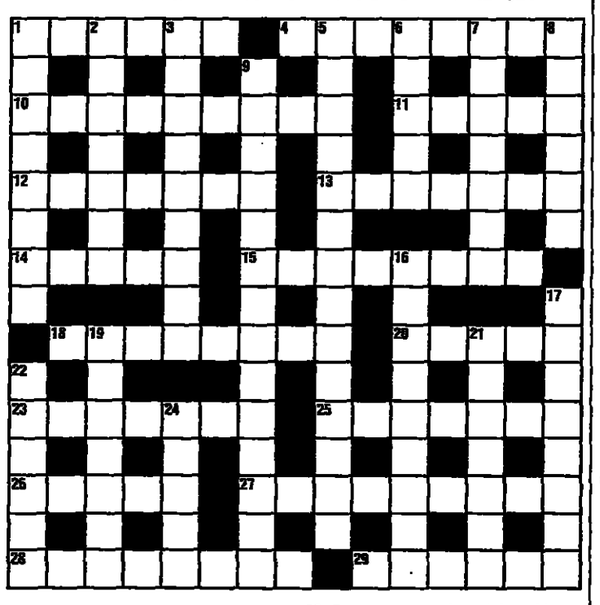
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk 21C (70F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, East Sussex, 14.2hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** cloud and spots of drizzle in the southeast of England will quickly clear. Elsewhere overnight mistiness will also clear, allowing most places to have a dry, warm day with sunny periods.

Eastern and southern Scotland will be bright or sunny and mainly dry after any overnight mist has cleared. Other parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland should be rather cloudy, although with occasional sunny intervals. These areas will have showers. The showers in the far North West may become prolonged for a time.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** dull start. Becoming bright with sunny periods. Winds light southerly. Warm. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Central S England, Midlands, E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England:** early mistiness clearing then bright with sunny periods. Winds light southerly. Warm. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** bright with sunny periods but some patchy coastal mist. Winds light southerly. Warm. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** bright or sunny at first. Sunny intervals and scattered showers later. Wind light or moderate southerly. Warm. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** sunny intervals and showers, merging into periods of rain in the afternoon. Wind fresh or strong southerly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Outlook:** Wednesday and Thursday will be warm in the South with risk of thunder. Further north cloudier with showery rain.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low in Northern Ireland; low to moderate in Scotland, N England, Wales, London; medium in South West; medium to high in Midlands, E Anglia, South East.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; du = dust storm; du = dust; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	17.1	-	17	63	s	Leuchars	10.0	0.01	17	63	sh
Anglesey	9.2	0.02	14	57	s	Littlehmptn	A	-	-	-	-
Aspatria	6.5	0.11	13	55	r	London	8.8	0.01	18	64	s
Aviemore	11.4	0.01	15	59	b	Lowestoft	10.3	-	18	64	s
Belfast	2.2	0.09	16	61	sh	Manchester	5.9	0.13	16	61	b
Birmingham	10.6	0.01	18	64	s	Margate	11.1	-	20	68	s
Bognor R	13.4	-	17	63	s	Morehead	6.7	0.05	13	55	sh
Bournem'th	K	-	-	-	-	Morecambe	3.3	0.07	13	55	r
Buxton	5.8	0.13	13	55	r	Newcastle	8.8	0.01	15	59	sh
Cardiff	9.0	-	15	59	s	Norwich	8.5	0.01	18	64	sh
Clacton	11.5	-	16	61	s	Oxford	12.5	-	18	64	sh
Cleethorpes	K	-	-	-	-	Padio	8.7	0.03	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	5.1	0.11	15	59	r	Prestatyn	K	0.13	14	57	r
Cromer	10.3	-	21	70	s	Ross-o-wye	4.8	0.42	15	59	sh
Dunbar	9.7	0.01	16	61	sh	Ryde	13.9	0.01	17	63	s
Eastbourne	14.2	-	16	61	s	Salcombe	6.3	0.01	14	57	r
Edinburgh	10.3	-	15	59	b	Sandown	12.9	-	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	6.9	0.04	14	57	sh	Saunton Snd	2.7	0.05	13	55	du
Exmouth	3.1	0.04	14	57	r	Scarboro'	6.4	-	15	59	s
Fishguard	9.8	0.01	12	54	s	Shanklin	13.5	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	13.3	-	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	7.0	0.01	16	61	b
Glasgow	13.4	0.02	16	61	sh	Skegness	9.2	0.01	13	55	sh
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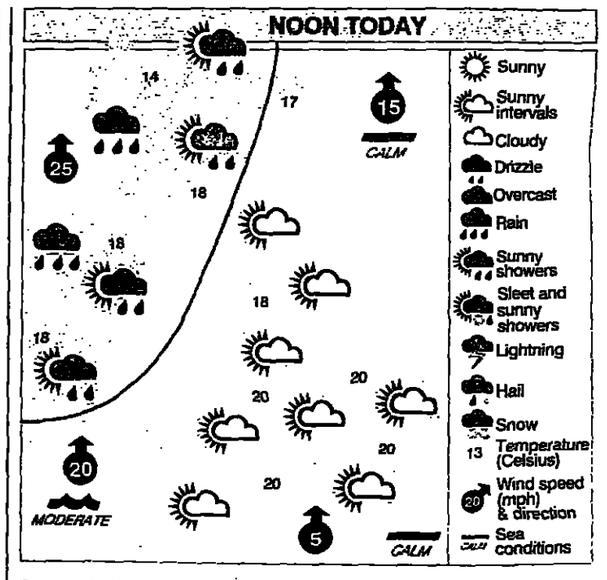
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Belgrade	28	82	s	Innsbruck	27	81	s	Nairobi	22	72	f
Berlin	15	59	c	Istanbul	23	73	s	Naples	26	79	s
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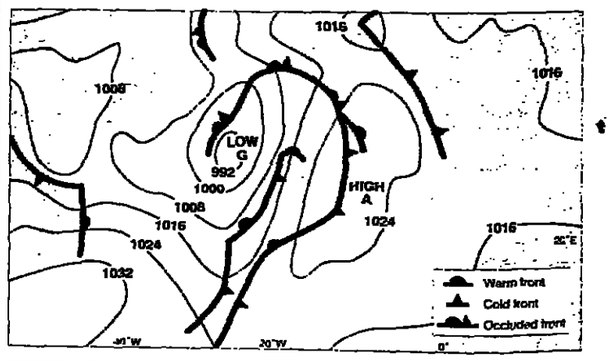
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Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday K = not available

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Changes to chart below from noon: high A will be very slow moving with similar central pressure. Low G will move away northeast with little change in pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.19	7.4	3.43	7.1	Leith	3.59	5.8	4.31	5.4
Aberdeen	2.44	4.2	3.19	4.3	Liverpool	0.27	9.7	12.58	9.5
Avonmouth	8.49	13.6	9.09	13.7	Lowestoft	10.59	2.8	11.34	2.9
Bell.ez	0.16	3.4	12.48	3.5	Margate	1.23	4.6	1.38	4.6
Cardiff	8.19	11.9	9.00	12.0	Milford Haven	7.44	7.0	8.07	7.2
Devonport	7.20	5.4	7.45	5.6	Newlyn	6.20	7.0	6.51	7.1
Dover	0.07	6.8	12.23	6.9	Oban	7.06	3.8	7.31	4.0
Dublin (N Wall)	0.36	4.3	1.16	4.1	Penzance	6.06	5.5	6.38	5.7
Falmouth	6.29	5.2	6.50	5.2	Portrush	8.29	2.1	8.48	2.2
Fivemock	1.51	4.5	2.15	3.4	Portsmouth	0.33	4.8	1.08	4.8
Harwich	1.06	4.1	1.20	4.1	Shoreham	9.24	6.4	12.55	6.4
Holyhead	11.55	5.5	-	-	Southampton	-	-	12.03	4.7
Hull (Albert Dk)	2.42	7.7	3.14	7.5	Swansea	7.53	9.6	8.14	9.7
Ilfracombe	7.32	9.5	7.54	9.6	Tees	1.04	5.5	1.41	5.4
King's Lynn	7.37	7.3	8.01	7.1	Weston-s-Mare	0.53	4.2	1.33	4.2

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises 4.47 am — Sun sets 9.12 pm

Moon sets 7.49 am — Moon rises 11.24 pm

Last quarter June 8

London 9.12 pm to 4.46 am
Bristol 9.21 pm to 4.56 am
Edinburgh 9.51 pm to 4.31 am
Manchester 9.31 pm to 4.47 am
Penzance 9.06 pm to 5.15 am

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Bidders line up as Facia chains unwind

BY JASON NISSÉ

NEARLY 100 potential purchasers have already expressed interest in parts of Facia Group, Stephen Hinchliffe's retail group which collapsed over the weekend with debts of more than £30 million.

KPMG, the accountants appointed as receivers to the parent company and five subsidiaries on Saturday, said it had received 62 expressions of interest for the Red or Dead fashion, Oakland menswear, Contessa lingerie and Torq jewellery chains. Interest has come from America, Canada and Belgium, as well as from Gary O'Brien, Facia chief executive.

Neither Mr Hinchliffe nor Texas American Group, a potential rescuer of Facia, are understood to have made bids. No offer has been made for the group.

Maurice Withall, of Grant Thornton, who is receiver for the Salisburys luggage retailer, said he had received 30 expressions of interest for that operation. The shoes businesses, which account for nearly half Facia's outlets and Sock Shop, which is not in receivership, have yet to be put on sale.

No fewer than three different firms of accountants are picking over the group's bones.

Two Price Waterhouse partners were yesterday appointed administrators to Facia's shoe businesses at the request of Sears, which sold Facia 379 outlets with brand names such as Saxone and Freeman Hardy Willis.

The appointment followed a deal between Sears and United Mizrahi, the Israeli bank which lent £7 million to Facia, over which accountants should be put in control of the shoe shop businesses.

The day started with Mizrahi having KPMG appointed receivers to Facia Footwear and Cityscan, the Facia companies which control the Freeman Hardy Willis chain. However, Sears applied to the court to have an administration order put over those two companies and a third, Wisebird, which runs the Saxone chain.

Sears argued that an administration order would be more in the interests of all creditors, of which Sears is the largest. It is owed £6 million, largely for May wages paid when Facia failed to meet its commitments, and has stock of more than £20 million tied up in the business.

After more than four hours of legal argument, Alan Barrett and Dipanker Ghosh, of Price Waterhouse, were made administrators to all three Facia companies. The move was supported by Mr Hinchliffe, who arrived at Facia's headquarters yesterday evening in a red chauffeur-driven BMW.

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Drawing the line: Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, announcing the new pricing controls on BT in London yesterday

Phone watchdog's move will cut bills

BY PAUL DURMAN

NEW pricing controls from Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, will save BT's residential customers a combined total of about £125 million a year.

Oftel's proposals, which are to run for four years from August 1997, are aimed at the lowest-spending 80 per cent of BT's 20 million residential customers. On average, this group will save about £7 a year on their telephone bills.

The latest Oftel price cap was broadly welcomed by consumers and, more enthusiastically, by BT's rivals and City investors. After a lengthy spell in the doldrums, BT's shares rose 13p to close at 368½p.

Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, said that BT's 16 million smallest customers had missed out on much of the benefitfrom earlier price controls. Business customers had enjoyed the bulk of the savings forced on BT. With the exception of small business customers, in future, the price businesses paid for phone usage would be set by market forces.

Mr Cruickshank said this would be the last retail price control. Oftel believes that by the end of the century competitive market pressures will keep prices down even for low users.

Like its rivals, BT welcomed these steps to deregulate the telecoms market. But it is unhappy that Oftel is determined to combine an agreement on pricing with tougher powers against potential abuse of market power.

BT and Oftel would like the Government to incorporate European anti-competitiveness law into UK legislation. In the meantime, Oftel intends to use powers under the Telecommunications Act to prohibit abuse of market power and anti-competitive agreements. Although Oftel would still lack the power to fine, BT is worried that this approach would deny it a right of appeal.

Mr Cruickshank said the fair trading issue was "absolutely central to [BT's'] competitors' view of whether these price controls are fair or not".

BT has the right to refer the price review to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, but Oftel does not expect it to do so. Mr Cruickshank said a referral would be time-consuming, costly and would create uncertainty. BT said it had to study the detail of the Oftel proposals before it could decide whether they were acceptable. Peter McCarthy Ward, BT's head of pricing, said they were "a bit of a curate's egg — good in parts".

He said it would be tough to achieve the price cap of inflation minus 4.5 per cent that Oftel is demanding. With inflation at present levels, the formula will produce price cuts for the 80 per cent of customers covered by it.

The existing price formula is inflation minus 7.5 per cent. However, this was applied to the whole of BT's revenues, and the benefit for lower-using domestic customers has, since 1990, averaged inflation minus 2.7 per cent.

Laurence Heyworth, telecoms analyst at Flemings, expects the net effect of the changes to be a £100 million boost to BT's revenues — because business pricing will no longer be under regulatory pressure. "My guess is that BT will swallow the [fair trading] pill because the deal on pricing is so attractive."

Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, said Oftel could have gone further to restore the balance between business and domestic customers. She called for a one-off cut in residential bills to return some of BT's profits to domestic customers.

Allen Saunders, a director of Nynex, the cable telephone company, said: "This is good news for consumers, good news for competition".

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Factories cut staff as orders stay weak

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURING remained chronically weak in May as firms, stuck with large stocks and falling orders, cut back on production and staff, according to the latest purchasing managers' survey yesterday.

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply's index fell to 47.1 per cent in May, from 48.2 per cent in April, the fourth successive month when activity contracted. It was also the biggest monthly fall since September, 1992.

The employment index showed its sharpest drop since March, 1993. The Cips said pessimism about future demand and concern over stockpiles of unsold goods were the main reasons for 17 per cent of the firms surveyed cutting jobs. Meanwhile, prices fell for the seventh consecutive month, underlining the remoteness of any inflation pressure coming from industry.

The report was worrying because the weakness of demand did not only come from European export markets but also from the home market where the Cips said demand had fallen. Even consumer goods production, which had been the one bright spot in recent months, had slowed sharply.

In spite of production cutbacks, stocks of unsold goods still rose in a fifth of all companies, leaving overall levels of stocks almost unchanged. This suggests that manufacturing, already in technical recession, could continue to contract until the autumn.

This, analysts say should ensure base rates are not raised in the months ahead and possibly not until after a spring election. However, they still do not expect rates to be cut after tomorrow's monetary meeting because of apparent buoyancy in consumer sectors. M0 narrow money supply grew at an annual 6.2 per cent in May, against April's 5.6 per cent.

☐ The US purchasing managers' index for May showed manufacturing weakening but prices firming.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3739.2	(–8.6)
Yield	4.04%	
FT-SE A All share	1882.29	(–3.49)
Nikkei	21588.52	(–387.67)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5630.99	(–12.19)*
S&P Composite	667.28	(–1.84)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	87/32 *	(87 17/32)
Yield	6.99%*	(7%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 1/16%	(6 1/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106 5/16	(105 5/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5520*	(1.5513)
London:		
$	1.5493	(1.5494)
DM	2.3850	(2.3686)
FFr	8.0110	(8.0182)
SFr	1.9355	(1.9402)
Yen	167.87	(167.49)
£ Index	86.3	(86.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5287*	(1.5225)
FFr	5.1775*	(5.1525)
SFr	1.2513*	(1.2487)
Yen	108.38*	(108.05)
$ Index	97.0	(97.0)

Tokyo close Yen 108.30

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $17.55 ($17.40)

GOLD

London close $390.85 ($390.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Pay slipping

Engineering companies proclaim what they see as the first significant decline in pay awards for almost a year — with pay freezes in the industry now at their most extensive since 1994. Pay rises held steady in the previous nine months at about 3.5 per cent but the average settlement is now 3.27 per cent. Page 26

Mad cow costs

Dalgety, the food group, admitted that the BSE scare had cost it £25 million, but insisted that the crisis would not cause the company long-term damage. The scale of the losses surprised City analysts, who had underestimated the impact of the BSE crisis, prompting a spate of profits downgrades.

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Barclays lures Flemings high-flyer to head BZW

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS has lured Bill Harrison, the high-profile head of global investment banking at Robert Fleming, to succeed the late David Band as head of its BZW investment bank.

The bank refused to discuss details of Mr Harrison's remuneration at BZW. Last year Mr Harrison was Flemings' highest-paid director, earning £1.95 million. That compares with Mr Band's total of £821,000.

Mr Harrison, 47, joined Flemings from Lehman Brothers, the US bank, to build up its mergers and acquisitions business. He resigned from Flemings' board yesterday and will be on "gardening" leave before taking up his BZW appointment in September.

Mr Taylor said the bank had started to look for a new chief executive before Christmas and began speaking to Mr Harrison in February. Mr Band was to have become chairman. After his sudden death in March, the search became more urgent, he said.



Harrison: paid £1.95 million

Mr Taylor said he hoped Mr Harrison would "steepen the gradient at which the firm is going up," and to tap into the "enormous energy bubbling within BZW".

Mr Harrison said BZW had a strong product base and was strong geographically, and that he hoped to exploit BZW's strengths. He said: "The thing is to keep on hitting, looking for competitive advantages and exploit them. This is a major firm with a major franchise."

Mr Harrison's departure is a blow for Flemings, whose deals last year included advising ING on its acquisition of Barings from the administrators and advising Dresdner Bank on the acquisition of Kleinwort Benson. John Manser, Flemings' chief executive, said Mr Harrison had been offered a much bigger job at BZW and added that it was "flattering that they had to come to Flemings to find such a person".

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Sorrell to collect £2.6m payout

MARTIN SORRELL, chief executive at WPP, is to receive a £2.65 million pay package even before his controversial new long-term incentive scheme kicks in (Oliver August writes).

The existing scheme is yielding £877,000 on top of his basic salary of £1.45 million and pension contributions of £318,000.

The new scheme, which could pay out as much as £28 million over five years starting this month, sparked a controversy at the last annual meeting when a quarter of shareholders refused to endorse it. Mr Sorrell claimed that the performance targets were almost impossible to reach.

In its annual report, the group said like-for-like sales for the first four months of the year were up more than 10 per cent.

Tesco launches customer payment and credit card

BY SARAH BAGNALL

TESCO yesterday became the first leading British supermarket group to move into financial services with the launch of Clubcard Plus, a payment card that earns customers interest of 5 per cent on credit balances.

The card, which also enables customers to obtain cash at Tesco tills and from 2,500 National Westminster service tills, is thought to the first of its kind in the United Kingdom.

Under the scheme, customers set up standing orders to transfer a set amount of money each month to cover their typical monthly spend on food and petrol as well as cash requirements. While the money sits in their Clubcard Plus account it earns interest on a daily basis.

Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman, said the rate of interest "puts many traditional savings accounts in the shade".



MacLaurin: better rate

Terry Leahy, deputy managing director, said: "The card has the accessibility of a current account but pays interest on the balance like a deposit account."

The card is an extension of the food retailer's successful Clubcard, which has 6.3 million regular users, in that customers earn points that can be redeemed against their shopping bills. However, customers only need spend £5 to earn points with Clubcard Plus, compared with £10 under the Clubcard scheme.

The card was structured in response to customer demand. Mr Leahy said: "The things customers said they wanted was to use their card to pay for their shopping, that it allowed them to budget and that they wanted their money to earn interest."

Customers can also apply for credit, usually equal to a single month's standing order. There are no charges for the card, the accounts for which will be handled by NatWest. Tesco shares rose ½p to 302p. Customers obtaining credit will be charged at an interest rate of 9 per cent per annum.

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JOHN CHARCOL

Listing for Biotech company

Therapeutics Antibodies Inc (TAb), a biotech company headquartered in America but with most of its operations in Britain, is seeking a listing on the London Stock Exchange through an institutional share placing.

The company, which uses sheep to produce antibodies to fight snake bites and drug overdoses, hopes to raise about £30 million. Founded in 1984 by British and American scientists, it is expected to be valued at about £150 million.

TAb has a flock of 5,000 sheep, mostly grazing in Wales, which are being injected with an immunogen that makes the animals produce antibodies. These are later retracted to make a serum which, due to the company's unique method, leads to fewer allergic reactions with patients than other products.

Ulster jobs

A £33 million investment initially creating 300 manufacturing jobs in one of Northern Ireland's unemployment blackspots could lead to a more ambitious project creating as many as 1,000 jobs in depressed West Belfast.

The Copeland Corporation, of America, is to set up a plant at Cookstown, Co Tyrone, to make scroll compressors for commercial and industrial refrigeration and air-conditioning systems.

Adwest buys

Adwest, the engineering company, is to acquire Rearsby, a supplier of pedal boxes, gearshifts, parkbrakes and suspension links, for £29.95 million. Last year Rearsby earned operating profits of £2 million on turnover of £27 million. Last month Adwest announced property sales of £26.5 million.

Azlan higher

Azlan Group, the distributor of network computing products and services, increased pre-tax profits to £10.5 million from £3.9 million in the year to March 31. Earnings improved to 30.3p a share from 12.5p. A final dividend of 2.6p a share makes a total of 3.8p, up from 3.1p last time.

Centre deal

Allied London Properties has bought the Princess Square shopping centre in Bracknell, Berkshire, from Abbey Life for £32 million. Built in 1984, the centre is let to national retailers including Boots, WH Smith and Top Shop. The rental income is £2.64 million a year.

ALAN WELLER



David Michels, chief executive of Stakis, the leisure company, who yesterday reported a 13 per cent rise in half-year profits, excluding exceptionals, to £12 million. He said there was a 22 per cent fall in operating profits from the casino division to £5 million. The hotel division increased operating profits 32 per cent to £17 million. Tempus, Page 28

Engineering workers accept lower pay rises

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S engineering companies today proclaim what they see as the first significant decline in pay awards for almost a year — with pay freezes in the industry now at their most extensive since 1994.

Figures from the EEF engineering employers suggest that pay settlements are showing a "significant" drop, after having held steady for the past nine months at about 3.5 per cent. The EEF says: "The average level of pay settlements is starting to decline."

Looking at 270 pay settlements in the three months to April, covering almost 38,000 employees, the EEF says that the average settlement level is now 3.27 per cent. While this is not a large-scale fall, EEF analysts are convinced that the pay trend is now downward in the industry, because of the composition of some of the pay deals that make up the average.

Two settlements were actually for pay cuts, and while such deals remain rare, figures produced by the EEF show that 8 per cent of the settlements in the period were pay freezes — the highest for two years.

Three quarters of the settlements recorded by the EEF, which last month forecast that total engineering output would grow by less than 3 per cent over the next year, are for increases of 2 to 4 per cent, with the majority between 3 and 4 per cent.

Government ministers and business leaders remain economically sanguine about pay, even though both the Bank of England and independent pay analysts have given warnings about pay settlements rising slowly but steadily. Ministers believe that rises in average earnings remain broadly stable, though pay commentators suggest that the increasingly widespread adoption of more flexible pay forms, including profit-related pay, are disguising some of the current levels of pay awards.

EEF analysts suggest the trend towards lower deals may be accelerating, with pay figures for April in particular looking lower. Pay freezes increased markedly in April, the EEF says, with zero per cent rises forming more than 9 per cent of all the settlements reached in the month.

David Yeandle, EEF head of employment affairs, says: "We are pleased to see employers and employees are responding prudently to tougher trading conditions and the decreasing rate of inflation by reaching sensible settlement levels."

EEF leaders believe that such a swift response to changing economic fortunes in the industry is a "major benefit" of the decentralisation of pay bargaining in engineering.

Morton to announce Eurotunnel leaving date

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE retirement of Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel for almost a decade and the Channel Tunnel's visionary-in-chief, is set to be announced later this month.

Sir Alastair, who has waged almost unceasing battles with the contractors, bankers and governments involved in the tunnel's construction, is expected to reveal the date when he will leave the post he has held since 1987, at the annual meeting in Paris on June 27.

His departure will bring an end to the career of one of Britain's most colourful businessmen. Unpredictable and stubborn, he has frequently confounded critics who predicted the Channel Tunnel project would collapse in ruins. But a growing num ber of the 225 banks in the Eurotunnel loan syndicates have been seeking his departure as a precondition for a financial restructuring settlement. "There is no question that confidence in Morton is ebbing but he will be allowed to make his exit with dignity," said one banker.

Patrick Ponsolle, his French counterpart, will then become sole executive chairman with a part-time British co-chairman appointed to work alongside him to maintain bi-national balance at the head of the company.

Sir Alastair will remain with the company at least until the autumn when the financial restructuring talks with its banks over its £8 billion of debt are hoped to be close to completion. He may give himself the option of staying beyond the end of his contract in October, if the talks are behind schedule.

Graham Corbett, chief financial officer since 1987, and Bernard Thiolon, non-executive director and chairman of the remuneration committee, will leave the board on June 27. M Thiolon, at Eurotunnel since 1986, will be replaced by Charles Petruccelli, 45, chairman of American Express Travel Services International.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Caspian close to Leeds United control

CASPIAN GROUP, the media company is close to acquiring a controlling stake in Leeds United Football Club. Caspian is understood to have offered £10 million for a 65 per cent stake owned by Bill Fotherby, the Leeds chairman, and Leslie Silver, his predecessor. But the third major shareholder, Peter Gilliam, who holds a 32.5 per cent stake, has so far rejected Caspian's offer, holding alternative talks with Barry Ruber, chief executive of Pace, the satellite decoder manufacturer. Caspian, whose shares were suspended at 18½p yesterday, is expected to fund the purchase via a rights issue.

Caspian started life selling rights to cartoon characters but has broadened its interests to include television since Richard Thompson, who is in the process of selling Queens Park Rangers Football Club, bought into the group. Mr Thompson stepped down as chairman at the beginning of the year but remains a director with a 7 per cent shareholding.

Dairy may bid for rival

ROBERT WISEMAN DAIRIES has made a preliminary takeover approach to Scottish Pride, its fellow milk processor and distributor, the companies disclosed today. Scottish Pride, whose shares are traded on the Alternative Investment Market, said that it had received an approach on behalf of Robert Wiseman that may or may not lead to a takeover bid. The Robert Wiseman board emphasised that no formal discussions had yet taken place. Shares of Scottish Pride rose 13p to 61p. **Tempus, page 28**

Hambro Insurance up

HAMBRO Insurance Services lifted profits by 38 per cent, to £11.1 million, in the year to March 31. The loss-adjusting arm made profits of £3.7 million, up from £900,000, after unusually high claims from Caribbean hurricanes and UK subsidence and the Christmas freeze. Such claims added £2.1 million to profits. Beale Dobie, the secondhand endowment policy market-maker, saw profits rise by 30 per cent, to £1.85 million. Berkeley Insurance lifted profits by 16 per cent, to £308,000. The annual dividend remains 5.55p. **Tempus, page 28**

Unigate sells diners

UNIGATE, the food group, has sold its Black-eyed Pea restaurant chain to Den America Corp for $65 million. Black-eyed Pea comprises 130 American diners, of which 30 are franchises. It made an operating profit for the year to March 1996 of $4.7 million. Estimated net assets are $92.3 million. Unigate is also trying to sell its 110-strong Taco Bueno fast food chain and its five Casa Bonita/Crystals restaurants. The group will use proceeds from the sale for investment in its other food and distribution businesses. **Tempus, page 28**

Elf UK sales ahead

COMPETITION in oil refining and rivalry in downstream gas threatens a margin squeeze at Elf Petroleum, the UK division of the French oil company. The company gave warning that the rivalry in the two operations could lead to lower margins and partially offset the benefit of high oil prices in the upstream area. In the year to December 31, Elf UK sales rose to £2.5 billion from £2.25 billion. Pre-tax profit for last year was £93 million after a loss the previous year of £453 million. No dividend payment has been recommended.

Fall at Wainhomes

WAINHOMES, the housebuilder, reported a sharp fall in profits to £2.1 million before tax from £10 million in the year to March 31. The decline reflects the impact of tough trading conditions in the North West. Despite a fall in earnings to 2p a share from 10.8p, the total dividend is being maintained at 4.5p, with a 3p final. The shares rose 1p to 101p. The company said it had replaced almost the entire management of its northern region, after the discovery that costs had been understated by £3.2 million.

'Pension' for names

LLOYD'S OF LONDON has agreed to provide its hardest hit names with an annual "pension" as part of its multi-billion settlement offer to 34,000 names. As revealed in *The Times* last week, representatives of names were calling on Lloyd's to provide extra financial help to those ruined. Lloyd's hopes that the annual income stream will be financed by an increased contribution from the many Lloyd's agents. The full cost will not be known for several weeks as applications from names have only just been lodged.

Whitecroft warning

WHITECROFT has given warning that continued deterioration in the commercial construction market will hit first-half results from its lighting and building products divisions. The group announced a fall in pre-tax profits from £10.7 million to £6.3 million in the year to March 31. Stripping out an £5.9 million exceptional gain in the previous year and profits rose 18 per cent from £6.8 million. The final dividend was lifted from 2.75p to 3.25p, making a total of 5p (4.25p). Earnings per share fell from 24.2p to 14.1p.

Security group deal

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS has acquired La Fonte Fechaduras, Brazil's leading commercial security group, for $13.3 million. La Fonte Fechaduras, which is based in São Paulo, makes a range of locks and lever handles. The company made a pre-tax profit of $2.2 million on sales of $19.9 million in 1995 and has net assets of about $9 million, of which $1 million is in cash. La Fonte Fechaduras joins Williams's existing security products business, which made a £37.6 million profit on sales of £204.6 million in 1995.

British Energy push on life of reactors

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITAIN'S newest nuclear stations will face a push to have their lifespans increased by about ten years after they are privatised.

The pathfinder prospectus for the sale of the eight most modern stations, grouped as British Energy, will say that at least four can carry on for a decade beyond present shutdown dates. The extensions, however, have not yet been approved by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate.

Greater lifespans for the reactors will flatter the valuation of the business and impact on the depreciation charge. Extension of the reactors' lives will run in conjunction with heightened expectations of their output. The prospectus, which is published on Monday, will say that generation can run to about 85 per cent of capacity. The company has said that it expects output of about 75 per cent.

The incentives to encourage individual investors will be unveiled on Thursday.

British Energy will embark on a roadshow of institutional investors before the July flotation of shares.

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Takeover of N&P draws 33 protests

OBJECTORS to Abbey National's £1.35 billion takeover of the National & Provincial Building Society yesterday took their case to the Building Societies Commission, the industry watchdog (Anne Ashworth writes).

A mere three members of the society used the opportunity to make their protests in person, against a dozen or more in a similar hearing on the Lloyds bid for Cheltenham & Gloucester.

Thirty-three objections have been received, compared with 137 in the case of C&G. The Commission will give its final opinion in a month's time.

Halifax lifts home prices forecast

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Halifax yesterday more than doubled its year-end house price inflation forecast to 5 per cent after the tenth successive monthly rise in prices.

The forecast was accompanied by a warning that the housing market was still perceived as fragile in terms of transactions. For any sustainable recovery in the overall housing market, the rate of transactions is seen as more important than house price increases.

The Halifax, which noted that housing transactions in the first four months of the year were 8 per cent lower year-on-year, said that prices rose 1 per cent last month, compared with 0.9 per cent in April. The cumulative effect of gently rising monthly house prices is that the annual rate of house price inflation has leapt to 4.6 per cent, against the 2.7 per cent reported in May.

Prices paid by first-time buyers were up 0.5 per cent in May, taking the annual rate of inflation to 3.1 per cent and the average price paid to £46,964. The average price of a new house was £70,532, compared with £64,279 for second-hand houses.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88
Austria Sch	17.61	16.11
Belgium Fr	51.54	47.24
Canada $	2.234	2.074
Cyprus CypE	0.768	0.708
Denmark Kr	9.69	8.89
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.19
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.52	2.31
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.4900	4.8400
Italy Lira	2505.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	181.50	165.50
Malta	0.598	0.543
Netherlds Gld	2.795	2.565
New Zealand $	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	10.64	9.84
Portugal Esc	254.50	236.00
S Africa Rd	7.31	6.51
Spain Pta	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.25
Switzerland Fr	2.06	1.88
Turkey Lira	124414.	116414.
USA $	1.651	1.521

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Scholl shake-up a 'victory' for rebels

BY JON ASHWORTH



Wallis: new chairman

REBEL shareholders are claiming victory in their quest to shake up Scholl, the footwear and personal healthcare group, after a sudden change in senior management. Gordon Stevens is retiring as chairman, handing on to Stuart Wallis, former chief executive of Fisons.

Tom Long, a non-executive director since 1991, and former finance director of BAT Industries, has resigned in protest at the terms of the package for Mr Wallis, who received a reputed £2.5 million when Fisons was taken over by Rhône-Poulenc Rorer last December. Mr Wallis will receive a non-pensionable salary of £100,000. He will receive a further payment of up to £1 million depending on how the shares perform over two years. They closed up 1p yesterday at 266p.

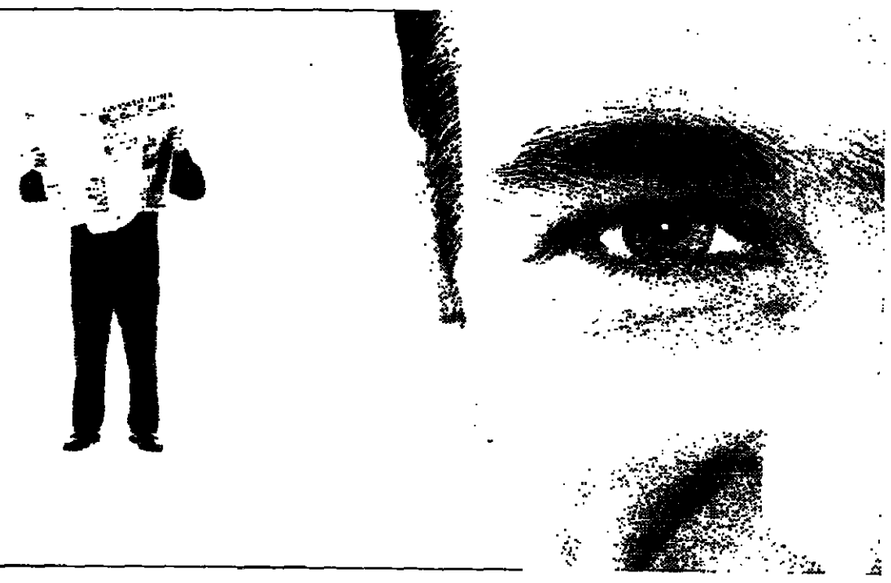
Mr Wallis, who starts on July 1, will spend two to three months familiarising himself with the business. Mr Wallis said Scholl was an interesting company with a good brand name, which could benefit from some fresh investment. An eventual sale was one possible outcome.

The departure of Mr Stevens, 70, was welcomed by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, the boardroom activists who hold 5 per cent in Scholl through their UKAV Continuation Fund. The pair attempted to force a change of strategy at Scholl last year, working with JO Hambro & Partners, which holds 10 per cent. Mr Treger said: "We are very happy. This is a real victory for shareholder activism."

Scholl makes net margins of about 10 per cent on annual sales of £207 million, according to Mr Treger, who says margins of 20 to 25 per cent are attainable. Scholl spends about £90 million a year on distribution, advertising and overheads, leaving scope for cost-savings. The company increased profits by 24.8 per cent to £17.1 million in the year to December 31.

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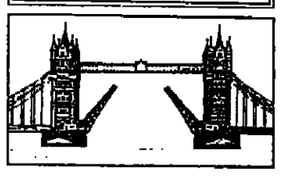
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Nuclear fallout is good for you

PENNINGTON



☐ RUN away, run away. Head for the hills. Everyone under the table — duck and cover. The UK's nuclear power stations are suffering from "reheat cracking" and "snagging of fuel assembly on insertion into the reactor".

These chilling words, straight out of *The China Syndrome*, and a few thousand more of the same will appear in next Monday's pathfinder prospectus for British Energy, owner of the eight nuclear power plants the Government regards as saleable. They will, quite rightly, be ignored by the punters.

Most recent state sell-offs have been driven by public demand, and the indications are that retail investors' appetites are every bit as strong for the nukes as for their predecessors. The reheat cracking and all the other technical gibberish is in the prospectus as mere ballast, because the lawyers say it must be.

It has no real importance. There are technical problems at Britain's nuclear stations, but they are not life-threatening — indeed, the industry has an exemplary safety record. International authorities recognise a seven-fold scale of nuclear accidents. Chernobyl was a seven, Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania a five. The stations being sold have only ever managed a single two.

The technical problems have more to do with the output achievable. In an industry as safety-conscious and as technologically advanced as nuclear, frequent shutdowns are inevitable to avoid even a minimal risk. Last year, two of the stations being sold had lengthy periods of "outage," when the reactors could not run. This and the future price of electricity are the two main variables that will affect future performance, and they will be the focus of investors' attention on Monday.

The prospectus will contain several bonus points for investors, to outweigh the undeniable fact that British Energy does not at present make a profit. Half the stations should last for longer than expected, and are therefore worth more. The company will have an extra £50 million-plus on the balance sheet from its strong cash flow in April and May. The main attraction will be the indicated dividend, which on the sort of price the City expects for the shares offers the retail investor a return of approaching 20 per cent during the first year.

The main downside is the price of electricity. If this slumps it will cost British Nuclear dear and dividend policy, described as usual as "progressive," will have to be adjusted accordingly, the prospectus will make clear. But this will not happen quickly, and not within the timescale of the average private investor.

The main attraction of British Energy comes from the so-called "Railtrack fall-out", the fact that the last privatisation is currently worth 15 per cent more than the public paid for it. Advisers therefore hope that they can top the 50 per cent of Railtrack that went to retail buyers, and they probably will. Forget reheat cracking — just watch for all that lovely fall-out.

Strong holds a weak hand

☐ YOU can tell a great deal about a man by the company he keeps. Liam Strong, chief executive of Sears, might reflect on this as he surveys the mess left from his group's involvement with Stephen Hinchliffe.

Mr Strong had been at Sears for two years when he decided to do something about the chronic problems he inherited — too many high street outlets and too many brands. But when he decided to sell he might perhaps have taken a longer and harder look at the buyers.

Mr Hinchliffe was ditched by engineer James Wilkes in the middle of a takeover battle. He is also emerging surprisingly unscathed from the collapse of two other companies he had been running, having sold them shortly before they went into receivership. As we have learnt since, the Department of Trade & Industry is taking a dim view of one of these cases and wants to disqualify him as a director.

Some of this was known when, Sears says, he made the best offer for the Freeman Hardy Willis and Saxone shoe chains. Even had he completed the deals, they would have cost Sears £46 million.

As it is, Sears is having to write off another £25 million because Mr Hinchliffe could not come up with the cash.

Mr Strong has also sold out to another of the more colourful characters in business, Philip Green. Sears sold Olympus Sport to Mr Green for £25 million, so incurring a loss of £35 million on the deal. While Mr Green's businesses are clearly more solvent than Mr Hinchliffe's, the revelations about his time at troubled retailer Amber Day and his relationship with the collapsed Landhurst Leasing do not inspire confidence.

Mr Strong, before all this, was marketing director of British Airways during the company's dirty tricks campaign against Virgin Atlantic. There has been no suggestion that Mr Strong was involved. He just tends to be around at unfortunate times.

Perhaps in future Mr Strong might be more careful in such dealings. Hopefully he will be granted a long and fruitful spell as Sears' chief executive. Then again, perhaps not. The future can be so hard to predict — as he has just found out.

Enter the human dynamo

☐ WE had all been expecting some brash Yank in lurid braces who would waltz in on a cloud of share options and bonuses. But the new chief executive of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the most important City post to come up for grabs this year, is a hyperactive Brummie who shows an Old World reticence about how much he will be paid.

Bill Harrison is one of those people who will run down a corridor when others might walk. He is arriving at BZW in the wake of the sad death of David Band. The shortage of first-class corporate financiers means Mr Harrison can expect to feature in next year's report and accounts as Barclays Bank's highest paid director just as Mr Band did, even if much of his salary will depend on the fee income he can generate. David Band was a market trader but Mr Harrison is a deal-maker and BZW, strong in asset management and broking, badly needs to build up its corporate finance side.

The loser is Robert Fleming, which has shaken off its old, fusty image with the aid of people such as Mr Harrison. It is unlikely, too, that corporate finance stars at BZW such as Graham Pimlott will be too pleased at the parachuting in of an outsider. Mr Harrison's dynamism can sometimes seem terrifying to his subordinates. Perhaps he should tread quietly in his early days at BZW.

Water torture

☐ A GOOD regulator should be a complete swine. There is nothing in the job description about being nice to people, safeguarding shareholder value, or helping little old ladies across the road. Three cheers therefore for Ian Byatt. Yorkshire Water has whined pitifully about its problems in the drought, while at the same time insisting that customers have not really lost out. Nonsense, says Mr Byatt. The company failed to deliver adequate service in a number of areas, and must suffer as a consequence until its performance improves. If shareholders lose out in dividends, too bad.

BSE scare costs £25m at Dalgety

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

DALGETY, the food manufacturing group, said yesterday that the BSE scare had cost it £25 million, but insisted that the crisis would not cause the company long-term damage.

The scale of the losses surprised analysts, who had underestimated the impact of the BSE crisis, prompting a spate of profits downgrades.

Full-year profits for the year to the end of June are now forecast at about £90 million, about 10 per cent lower than in previous predictions.

Analysts also anticipate that some BSE costs will spill into the next financial year and profits for 1997 were also downgraded.

However, the company insisted that it would not cut the total dividend for this year and shares recovered to close up 1p at 375p.

Dalgety said that Spillers, its petfood business, had been hardest hit, with the European Union export ban on beef products forcing the company to write off about £15 million in unsaleable stock. A similar write-off in its feed stock and food ingredients businesses would cost about £5 million, the company added. Dalgety had been left with excess feed stock because of the Government's slaughter policies, while the collapse in consumer confidence had hit demand for beef-based food products.

The company is also making a £3 million charge for unsaleable stock after a contamination incident, unrelated to BSE, in its Dutch petfood factory.

Dalgety said that the costs were largely one-off in nature as it wrote off stocks and switched supplies. But sales have been partially protected by customers switching to alternative Dalgety products.

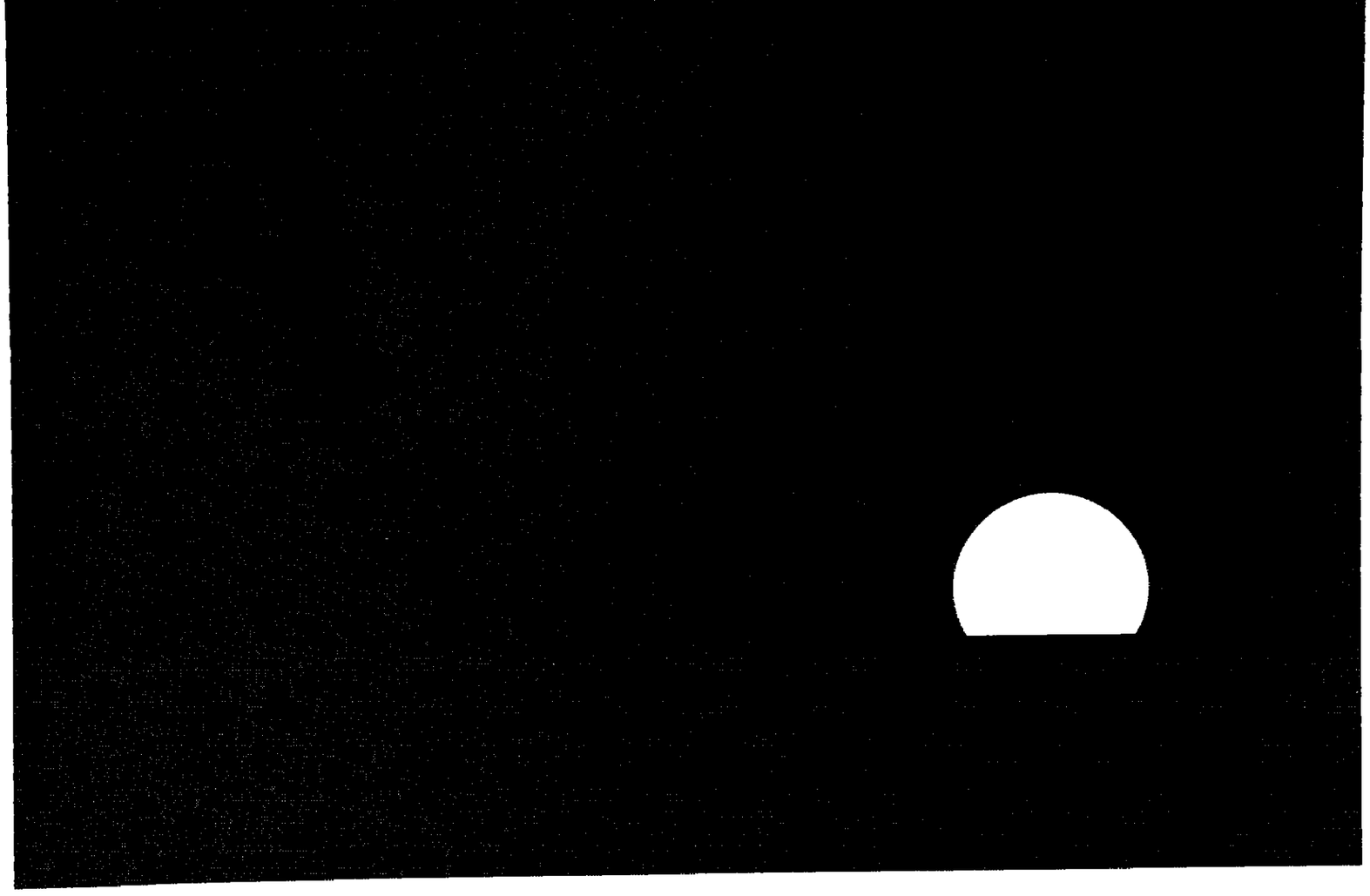
Richard Clothier, chief executive, said: "People do not suddenly stop eating beef and eat nothing in its place, they eat other products."

Dalgety is anticpating increased sales of pork and poultry feed, compensating for lost animal feed business, while consumers are switching to non-beef based food products.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Investors lose heart as New York mood cools

NOT even a confident performance by the pound against its big rivals on world currency markets and some solid gains by government securities could breathe new life into the equity market.

Instead, investors continued to focus on Friday's 50-point slump in the Dow Jones industrial average and further losses after the weekend break. Sentiment was also dampened by the latest Purchasing Managers' Index showing a further downturn in output and new orders.

The FT-SE 100 index halved an earlier fall to end 8.6 points down on the day at 3,739.2. Turnover was again thin with a total of 644 million shares traded.

It still remains to be seen whether BT will agree to the price proposals from Oftel, the industry regulator, and certain other conditions it wants to impose. If it does not the whole matter will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The move is expected to lead to cheaper domestic phone bills over the next few years and open the market up to increased competition.

BT shares were marked 13p higher at 368p after the City gave a favourable reception to the lower than expected pricing formula recommended by Oftel.

Oftel had a sting in the tail for mobile phone operators. It wants to investigate the cost of calls to mobiles. It will concentrate its investigation on Cellnet, owned jointly by BT and **Securicor**, down 67p at £20.98, and **Vodafone**, 5½p easier at 250p.

Yorkshire Water slipped 1p to 729p after the latest broadside from Ofwat, the industry regulator. Yorkshire has agreed with Ofwat to peg its 1997-98 price increase to inflation with future price increases below the price limits of other water companies. The move is expected to cost Yorkshire £40 million in lost revenue up to the turn of the century.

Ofwat criticised Yorkshire's failure to control leakage, flooding from sewers and keeping supply interruptions to a minimum. It accused the company of failing to deliver an adequate service. Yorkshire intends to spend a total of £50 million on additional investment.

The rest of the water companies ticked better in a falling market supported by persistent bid speculation. **Anglian** rose 5½p to 606p, **Hyder** 2p to 753p, **Mid Kent** 3p to 493p, **Severn Trent** 4p to 608p, **South West** 1p to 673p, and **Southern** 2½p to 982p.

Tesco slipped 1p to 300½p as it attempted to stretch its lead over the rest of the supermarket chains by introducing Clubcard Plus, a new direct debit card offering annual interest. The move appears to be designed to steal a lead over J Sainsbury, which has still yet to introduce its own loyalty card. **Sainsbury** finished 2½p lighter at 394p.

Ladbroke firmed 2½p to 192p on turnover of 7.4 million shares amid suggestions that its hotel interests will be reversed into the Hilton chain of hotels in the US, while its bookmaking activities are floated off separately.

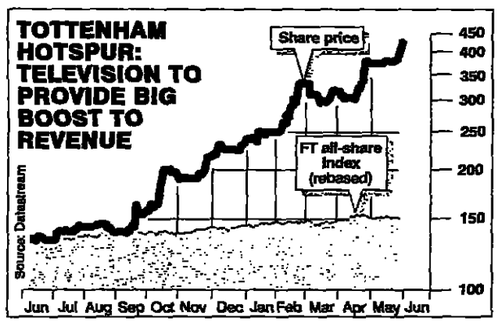
Lucas Industries slipped 4p to 241p on profit-taking after announcing plans last week for a £3.2 billion merger with Varity Corporation in the US. The speculators continue to talk of a spoiling bid from either **BBA**, 2p easier at 328p, **GKN**, down 8p at 983p, or **TI Group**, 1p lighter at 529p.



Tesco dipped 1p on news of Clubcard Plus

CAMAS, the building products group, rose 2½p to 88½p as 2.3 million shares changed hand. The rise follows a "positive" trip by brokers and fund managers to the US last week. The eight brokers and four investors visited the group's quarries in Denver and aggregates operation in Minneapolis.

Dalgety firmed 1p to 375p despite warning that profits in would be hit by a £25 million provision relating to "mad cow" disease and an unrelated suspected product contamination at a pet food factory in Holland. Animal feed stocks have been written off and the beef export ban has hit its petfood business. The group still expects to maintain the final dividend.



Unigate has sold its 100-strong Black-eyed Pea chain of restaurants for £42 million to DenAmerica Corporation. The group has already written off goodwill totalling £38.2 million and intends to make a provision for a loss on the sale of almost £60 million. It still wants to sell a further 115 Taco Bueno and Casa Bonita restaurants. The shares finished 8p better at 411p.

On the Alternative Investment Market, shares of **Scottish Pride**, the milk processor and delivery group, surged 13p to 61p after confirming a bid approach from Robert Wiseman Dairies, its bigger rival. **Scottish Pride**, which unveils full-year figures later today, said no talks had yet taken place. At these levels the group is valued at £19.2 million. **Robert Wiseman** was steady at 183p.

Tottenham Hotspur jumped 51p to 429p and Premier League rival **Manchester United** stood out with a leap of 35p to 400p. With just days to go before the kick-off of Euro 96, attention has been focused back on prospects for football in this country. Brokers say the rich clubs will continue to grow richer and will no doubt benefit from the next free-for-all when it comes to the rights for televised league football. A good performance by the National sides England, Scotland and Wales should help to strengthen their negotiating hand when talks begin.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Bond prices benefited from the pound's positive performance, resulting in some impressive gains among longer-dated issues. Continuing worries about a rise in US interest rates were shelved as investors chased the market higher in thin trading. Evidence of a further decline in output was taken to be positive for bonds.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed £9/16 higher at £106 3/16, although turnover was on the low side with only 40,000 contracts completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 climbed £21/32 to £97 1/8, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was 1/8firmer at £102 1/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Fear of higher interest rates and caution over coming economic data saw shares on Wall Street drifting. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 12.19 points lower at 5,630.99.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ..... 5630.99 (-12.19)
S&P Composite ..... 667.28 (-1.84)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ..... 21588.52 (-367.67)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 11059.81 (-204.92)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ..... 569.20 (-0.89)

Sydney:
AO ..... 2230.2 (-35.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX ..... 2532.83 (-9.97)

Singapore:
Straits ..... 2323.56 (-9.39)

Brussels:
General ..... 9365.58 (-13.03)

Paris:
CAC-40 ..... 2121.10 (+11.04)

Zurich:
SKA Gen ..... 776.80 (-5.90)

London:

FT 30	2777.2	(-14.6)
FT 100	3739.2	(-8.6)
FT-SE Mid 250	4505.5	(-4.5)
FT-SE-A 350	1896.5	(-3.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1677.46	(+0.62)
FT A All-Share	1882.29	(-3.49)
FT Non Financials	2005.28m	(-3.02)
FT Fixed Interest	111.55	(-0.05)
FT Govt Secs	92.02	(-0.05)
Bargains	36,130	
SEAQ Volume	644.9m	
USM (Datastrm)	221.47	(+0.47)
US$	1.5493	(-0.0004)
German Mark	2.3650	(-0.0004)
Exchange Index	86.3	(same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

£:ECU	1.2323
£:SDR	1.0666
RPI	152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
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INVESCO Eng & Int	101	...
Independent Energy	111	- 4
Just Group	5	+ ¼
Luminar (200)	287	+ 4
Malden Group	290	+ 6
Mulberry Group	168	- 8
Prism Rail	305	...
Railtrack (190)	217½	- ½
Recognition Sys (70)	117	- 6
Reflec	83	- 2
Renaissance US Gth	98	...
Schroder Vent Int	194½	- ½
Taiwan Inv Tst	96	...
Thomas Potts	14	...
Tom Hoskins	53	...
Whitecross (84)	95	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Albrighton n/p (6)	¼	...
Chelsfield n/p (220)	40	...
Ibstock n/p (55)	6½	+ ½
Porter Chad n/p (34)	3	- 1
Proteus Intl n/p (45)	26	...
Sketchley n/p (105)	108	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Kelsey Ind	505p (+52p)
Man Utd	400p (+35p)
DCS GP	146p (+11p)
Real Time	277p (+18p)
Peptide Thera	243p (+15p)
Scoba	729p (+34p)
Danka Bs Sys	798p (+35p)

FALLS:

Saltire	174p (-11p)
Whitecroft	212p (-12p)
Chrysalis	505p (-25p)
MAID	308p (-10p)
Sothebys	940p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Difficult to digest

DALGETY, the animal feeds group, became the first to count up the damage of the mad cow disease episode just as the Government was trying to restore confidence in the British beef industry by declaring it illegal to possess foodstuffs that are suspected of causing bovine spongiform encephalitis. It has been illegal to give such feed to animals since 1989 but stocks are still thought to exist on farms.

Of the big food groups Dalgety was always likely to be the worst affected but the £25 million hit from BSE was more than the market had feared. As a result stockbrokers were downgrading forecasts for Dalgety down to £110 million from £123 million for the year to the end of June against £94 million for the year to June 95. Peering into the rather murky future they knocked off £30 million to £130 million for the year to end June 1997. The board said it would hold the total dividend at 22p — before yesterday the City had hoped for a slight rise. Pre BSE scare the shares stood at 438p. Yesterday they were 375p, at which they yield 7.3 per cent against 4.2 per cent for the sector.

After three years of heavy underperformance, thanks to supermarket wars, soaring packaging costs, and the more perennial bad harvests, a BSE scare was the last thing the food sector needed. The yield for the sector, traditionally a good-old standby for fund managers — barely reflects the trauma.

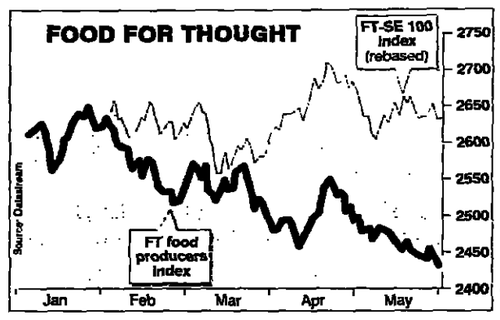
But it was not all bad news yesterday. Robert Wiseman, the dairies group that heaved a sigh of relief when dairy herds escaped wholesale slaughter, went back on the offensive with an approach to Scottish Pride.

Unigate

BEING a dairy company is not easy — even though milk and milk products have been declared immune from BSE. Some dairy groups, however, are still sorting out previous problems, witness the sale yesterday by Unigate, finally, of the Black Eyed Pea restaurants in America. Up for disposal since February 1993, when a flotation of the American restaurant business was publicly considered by Unigate, the Black Eyed Pea restaurants finally went for $65 million to Den America Corporation.

Under the original scheme, the Black Eyed Pea restaurants would have been floated off with Taco Bueno Fast Food to raise about £140 million to fund expansion in the core dairy and food business. But even assuming Unigate finds a buyer willing to pay $40 million for Taco Bueno then Unigate is still going to raise less than half its original target from the 1993 float. That, of course, is quite apart from the £60 million hit to Unigate's accounts from the loss on the Black Eyed Pea disposal. Unigate seems confident of a Taco Bueno sale before March 1997, taking it out of American fast food restaurants altogether.

The group, however, is blessed with net cash and is under some pressure from the City to spend. All Unigate let slip yesterday was that it will build up its European food and distribution operations in Britain and continental Europe.



Hambro Ins

THE insurance sector is under intense pressure from every quarter. Consumers nowadays expect more cover for lower premiums. On long term pension business confidence is still at a low enough ebb over the personal pension misselling scandal for sales to be sluggish. After the usual rationalisation and cost cutting insurers have now turned their attention to service suppliers. Enter Hambro Insurance, a purveyor of loss adjusting services as well as legal protection and second-hand endowment policy market making.

On the face of it Hambro enjoyed a substantial £2.8 million increase in profits on loss adjusting business to £3.7 million. But that was dependent on Caribbean hurricanes, subsidence in the UK and a Christmas freeze which led to an unusually high level of claims and added a further £2.1 million to the pre-tax profit figure. Beale Dobie, the second-hand market maker, had a fine year with profits up 30 per cent but that is in a very competitive retail market. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with what Hambro is doing with its businesses, from Berkeley Insurance to Cunningham Europe and Cunningham International or indeed at Hambro Legal Protection. The reality is, however, that in such a competitive environment Hambro is swimming hard against the tide just to stay broadly where it is. Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroker, says it sees little prospects for long term growth out of Hambro.

Stakis

STAKIS, the leisure company, disappointed the City when it showed it was playing a slightly weakened hand. While overall profits crept up, profits in the casino business took a tumble as expansion costs chipped away at casino winnings. Operating largely at the lower end of the market, Stakis is more vulnerable to competition and has to work hard to keep its customers playing. Equally, Stakis has more to win from the proposed deregulation which is likely to make this form of gambling more attractive to the average punter. The company could benefit to the tune of £6 million although the measures are still some way off.

Stakis' tax charge has also given cause for concern, as it is set to increase from 4 per cent to 28 per cent over the next couple of years, as the benefits of previous years losses disappears. But the company has had plenty of time to prepare for the increase and its foray into the immature health and leisure market should offer a new profit stream. Stakis shares are not cheap. But with three well positioned businesses, a couple of losing hands is no reason to sell now.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	1073-1072	Sep	1051 SLR
Sep	1064-1063	Dec	1065 SLR
Dec	1033-1031	Mar	1077 SLR
Mar	1021-1019	May	1095-1085
May	1031-1030		
Jul	1040 SLR		Volume: 3357

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1765-1760	Mar	1650-1677
Sep	1740-1736	May	1670-1666
Nov	1731-1730	Jul	unq
Jan	1705-1702		Volume: 4581

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	328.1-28.5
Spot: 364.5		May	328.3-27.0
Aug	329.3-28.0	Aug	329.0-27.0
Oct	344.0-43.5	Oct	315.7-14.0
Dec	333.5-32.5		Volume: 553

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	115.29	140.87	99.60
(+/-)	+5.11	-5.70	+1.13
Eng/Wales:	115.28	140.65	99.61
(+/-)	+5.11	-5.65	+0.91
(No.)	711.0	4849.0	4564.0
Scotland:	unq	150.15	99.49
(+/-)	-7.17	+4.29	
(No.)	+77.0	+19.0	

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.90	n/c
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.55	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.85	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.20	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	194 (+1)	196 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	167 (n/c)	169 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	82 (-2)	84 (-2)
Naphtha	182 (-12	184 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	164.25-64.50	Sep	159.75-60.00
Jul	160.25-60.50	Oct	160.50-60.75
Aug	159.50-59.75		Vol: 12456

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.89-17.92	Oct	17.07-17.12
Aug	17.52-17.56	Nov	16.95 SLR
Sep	17.29-17.31		Vol: 28457

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	124.15	Sep	106.00
Sep	111.15	Nov	108.65
Nov	113.40	Jan	110.90
Jan	115.60	Mar	114.00
Mar	117.50	May	115.25
	Volume: 481		Volume: 38

POTATO (£/t) Open Close
Jun unq 225.0
Nov 85.0
Mar 110.0
Volume: 111

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 103.50-104.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 96	1275	1265	1270
Jul 96	1245	1230	1230
Aug 96	1247	1235	1237
Oct 96	1346	1335	1339
Vol: 154 lots		Open interest: 4278	
		Index: 1337-2	

(Official) (Volume pres day) — **LONDON METAL EXCHANGE** — **Rudolf Wolff**

	Cash: 2543.0-2544.0	3mths: 2443.0-2445.0	Vol: 1554850
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	817.00-818.00	821.50-822.50	147425
Lead ($/tonne)	1021.0-1021.5	1048.0-1049.0	355725
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	6230.0-6230.0	6255.0-6260.0	16950
Tin ($/tonne)	1546.5-1547.5	1578.0-1579.0	1041375
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2030.0-2035.0	8050.0-8051.0	646154
Nickel ($/tonne)			

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3728.0	3747.0	3725.0	3735.0	10940
Previous open interest: 62171	Sep 96	3738.0	3752.0	3733.0	3741.0	3144
FT-SE 250	Jun 96	4500.0	4500.0	4500.0	4490.0	2300
Previous open interest: 4141	Sep 96	4530.0	4540.0	4538.0	4530.0	2300
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	93.91	93.92	93.90	93.91	5725
Previous open interest: 378995	Sep 96	93.77	93.81	93.75	93.80	14712
	Dec 96	93.54	93.59	93.53	93.58	11634
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.25	99.25	99.24	99.24	248
	Dec 96	99.01	99.01	99.00	99.00	78
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.67	96.69	96.67	96.67	14620
Previous open interest: 112372	Sep 96	96.68	96.72	96.67	96.71	36585
Long Gilt	Jun 96	105-15	106-06	105-14	106-06	40132
Previous open interest: 146806	Sep 96	104-15	105-06	104-14	105-05	27234
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	120.22	120.22	120.14	120.15	839
	Sep 96	119.12	119.12	119.04	119.05	1900
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	96.20	96.46	96.11	96.44	145604
Previous open interest: 201425	Sep 96	95.27	95.50	95.16	95.49	149727
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.56	95.56	95.55	95.55	1170
Previous open interest: 26443	Sep 96	95.56	95.58	95.55	95.57	691
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	97.50	97.53	97.34	97.47	5805
Previous open interest: 80331	Sep 96	97.39	97.48	97.27	97.44	14480
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	114.92	115.60	114.82	115.55	43120
Previous open interest: 84097	Sep 96	114.39	115.11	114.23	114.95	37704

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6.
Discount Market Loans: O'night high: 5⅝ Low 5⅛ Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Disc): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛, 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛, 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Disc)	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank:	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 6, close 5⅛

Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	6	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.30	n/a	5.40	5.50	6.00
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛
Deutschemark:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	4-3⅞	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞
Yen:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.20-391.50 Close: $390.00-390.50 High: $391.00-391.40 Low: $390.00-390.50 AM: $391.60 PM $390.70

Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£251.50-253.50)

Platinum: $400.75 (£254.40) Silver: $5.20 (£3.475) Palladium: $137.00 (£84.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Jun 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8391-2.8484	2.8476-2.8491	½-¼pr	2¾-2½pr
Brussels	48.45-48.63	48.60-48.62	0.14-0.11pr	0.37-0.31pr
Copenhagen	9.1033-9.1372	9.1249-9.1372	1¼-1pr	5-4pr
Dublin	0.9575-0.9784	0.9575-0.9774	¼-Spr	23-19pr
Frankfurt	2.8476-2.8659	2.8641-2.8660	1¼-1pr	5¼-4¾pr
Lisbon	242.74-244.09	243.90-244.06	½-0dis	½-0dis
Madrid	199.23-199.96	199.85-199.89	0.22-0.11dis	0.67-0.54dis
Milan	2395.0-2396.3	2395.8-2396.3	0.80-0.60dis	0.18-0.16dis
Montreal	2.1160-2.1235	2.1230-2.1232	0.27-0.19pr	0.52-0.43pr
New York	1.5440-1.5496	1.5495-1.5496	0.0167-0.0157pr	0.0295-0.0285pr
Oslo	10.078-10.119	10.109-10.110	½-1pr	½-1pr
Paris	7.9583-8.0133	8.0066-8.0133	1¼-1pr	4¼-4pr
Stockholm	10.377-10.422	10.393-10.409	½-0dis	½-0dis
Tokyo	156.76-157.55	157.46-157.55	¼-pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	16.582-16.650	16.635-16.650	¼-pr	1¾-1½pr
Zurich	1.9284-1.9361	1.9345-1.9361	¼-pr	1¾-1½pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - dis

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2471-1.2479
Austria	10.73-10.74
Belgium (Com)	31.36-31.37
Canada	1.3688-1.3693
Denmark	5.8905-5.8935
France	5.1670-5.1680
Germany	1.5252-1.5257
Hong Kong	7.7370-7.7380
Ireland	1.5850-1.5870
Italy	1542.80-1543.10
Japan	108.15-108.20
Malaysia	2.4085-2.4095
Netherlands	1.7087-1.7092
Norway	6.5193-6.5268
Portugal	157.30-157.70
Singapore	1.4075-1.4080
Spain	128.35-128.45
Sweden	6.7138-6.7179
Switzerland	1.2475-1.2485

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso	1.5490-1.5510
Australia dollar	1.9317-1.9335
Bahrain dinar	0.5784-0.5915
Brazil real	1.5144-1.5177
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7180-0.7290
Finland markka	7.2275-7.3435
Greece drachma	369.75-376.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9815-11.9908
India rupee	53.1(-54.57
Indonesia rupiah	3583.0-3651.0
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4584-0.4695
Malaysia dinggit	3.8710-3.8743
New Zealand dollar	2.2723-2.2761
Pakistan rupee	53.70 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8800-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.1707-2.1818
S Africa rand (com)	6.6934-6.7040
U A E dirham	5.6350-5.7593

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

31	72	Land Secs	738
ASDA Gp	3,400	Legal & Gn	578
Abbey Nat	1,500	Lloyds TSB	4,505
Allied Dom	1,800	Marks Spr	5,103
Allied	318	Nat West Bk	2,000
Argyll Gp	1,900	Nat Grid	3,100
AB Foods	318	Nat Power	1,700
BAA	2,500	P & O	1,200
BAT Inds	4,200	Pearson	300
BOC	401	Pilkington	2,900
BP	5,900	PowerGen	900
BSkyB	1,800	Prudential	2,200
BTR	7,300	REXAM	702
BT	30,700	RMC	228
Bk of Scot	1,300	RTZ	1,600
Barclays	1,600	Rank Org	1,300
Bass	1,400	Reckitt Col	531
Blue Circle	2,900	Redland	2,000
Boots	961	Reed Intl	958
Bae	526	Rentokil	5,500
BA	5,000	Reuters	2,900
Brit Gas	9,200	Rolls Royce	703
Brit Steel	4,300	Royal Ins	988
Burmah Cstl	1,000	Rsl Bk Scot	981
Burton	1,900	Sainsbury	2,100
Cable Wire	4,300	Schroders	202
Cadbury	905	Scot & Newc	1,200
Carlton Cms	1,400	Scot Power	700
Cpl Dalton	952	Sern Trent	445
Cookson	2,700	Shell Trans	2,800
Courtaulds	421	Slebe	337
Dixons	1,300	SmKl Bch	4,300
Enterpr Oil	146	Smith Nph	5,700
Fst & Col IT	1,700	Smiths Inds	135
GKN	575	Sthern Elec	400
GRE	750	Std Chartd	2,900
GUS	478	Sun Alliance	1,200
Gen Acc	900	TI Gp	667
Glen Elec	4,800	Tate & Lyle	552
Glaxo Well	4,500	Tesco	9,100
Granada	5,100	Thames W	961
Grand Met	6,200	Thrn EMI	774
Greenalls	305	Tomkins	2,900
Guinness	2,600	Unilever	1,900
HSBC	764	United Utils	988
Hanson	5,300	Vodafone	14,100
ICI	1,200	Whitbread	700
Kingfisher	5,200	Willis Hbt	1,800
LASMO	350	Wolseley	1,843
Ladbroke	7,400	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	June 3 midday	May 31 close
AMP Inc	41¾	42⅝
AMR Corp	64⅜	64½
ASA	45⅝	45⅝
AT & T	62⅝	62⅝
Abbott Labs	42⅞	43⅝
Advanced Micro	17⅝	17⅝
Aetna Life	73⅞	74⅛
Ahmanson (H F)	26⅜	25⅝
Air Prod & Chem	69½	69⅝
Airtouch Comm	31⅛	31⅛
Alberto-Culver B	19⅜	19⅜
Albertson's	39⅜	39⅜
Alcan Aluminm	32⅝	32⅝
Alex Standard	61⅞	62⅛
Allied Signal	54⅜	54⅛
Alum Co of Am	62⅞	61⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6⅛	6⅛
Amerada Hess	58½	57
Amer Brands	43⅜	43⅜
Amer El Power	30	29⅞
Amer Express	45⅝	45⅝
Amer Genl Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Amer Home Pr	54⅞	53⅞
Amer Intl	94⅛	94⅛
Amer Stores	37⅜	37⅜
Amer Standard	29⅜	29⅜
Ameritech	64⅛	64⅛
Amoco	71⅜	72⅜
Anheuser-Busch	77¼	77¼
Apple Computer	29⅛	29⅛
Archer Daniels	19⅜	19⅜
Armco	5⅛	5⅛
Armstrong Wrld	59⅜	58⅞
Asarco	31⅜	31⅜
Ashland Oil	41½	42⅜
Atl Richfield	116⅛	116⅛
Auto Data Pro	47⅜	46⅞
Avery Dennison	46⅛	47
Avon Products	74⅜	74⅜
Baker Hughes	31⅛	31⅛
Baltim Gas & El	27⅜	27⅜
Banc One	37	37
Bankamerica	75	75⅛
Bank of NY	41⅝	41⅝
Bankers Tr NY	70⅜	70⅜
Barnett Banks	62⅛	62⅛
Barrick & Lamb	33⅛	33⅛
Baxter Intl	44⅜	44⅜
Bectn Dickinsn	44	44⅝
Bell Atlantic	62⅜	62⅜
Bell Industries	27⅛	27⅛
Bellsouth	41	40⅞
Black & Decker	33⅛	33⅛
Block (H&R)	44⅛	44⅛
Boeing	85⅛	85⅝
Boise Cascade	41⅛	42
Bristol Myrs Sq	94⅜	95⅛
Browning Ferris	36⅛	36⅛
Brunswick	25⅜	25⅜
Burlington Nthn	69⅛	69⅛
CMS Energy Corp	26⅜	26⅛
CNA Financial	109⅛	110
CPC Intl	68⅛	68⅜
CSX	84⅛	84⅛
Campbell Soup	63⅞	64⅛
Can Pacific	20⅛	20⅛
Carolina Pac	36⅛	36⅛
Caterpillar	65⅜	65⅞
Central & Sth	27⅛	27⅛
Champion Intl	46⅛	46⅛
Chase Manhat	60⅜	60⅜
Chevron Corp	90⅜	90⅜
Chrysler	66½	66⅜
Chubb Corp	87	86⅞
Ciuna Corp	114⅛	114⅛
Citicorp	85⅜	84⅝
Clorox	90⅛	89⅝
Coastal Corp	40⅜	41
Coca Cola	68⅜	68⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	78⅜	78⅜
Columbia Gas	48⅛	48⅛
Columbia/HCA	43⅜	43⅛
Compaq Comp	69⅜	69⅜
Comp Ass Int	72⅝	72⅝
Conagra	42⅝	42⅝
Conrail	70⅛	69⅞
Cons Edison	29⅜	29⅜
Cons Nat Gas	47⅜	47⅜
Content Data	47⅛	47⅛
Controlotex	8⅜	8⅜
Corning Inc	38⅛	38⅛
Crown Cork	48⅛	48⅛
Data Gen	32⅜	31⅞
Dayton Hudson	102⅜	102
Deere	41⅛	41⅛
Delta Air Lines	82⅝	82⅞
Delux Corp	36⅛	36⅛
Digital Equip	51⅜	52⅛
Dillard Dept St	39⅛	39
Disney (Walt)	65⅞	66⅛
Dominion Res	42⅜	42⅜
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Career advice from the top

SIR Colin Marshall, the chairman of Inchcape, was indulging in some "dirty tricks" on Macau on Sunday. At a four-day management conference, Inchcape employees cheered from the clubhouse as their 62-year-old chairman, with the help of Philip Cushing, the chief executive, challenged two fit-looking company directors to a game of tennis. In the blistering heat, and two demoralising sets down, Sir Colin stopped for a swig of Coke and to remind his opponents that they might enhance their careers if only they eased up a bit. Not surprisingly, Sir Colin and his partner took the next set with ease — 6-0.



Marshall: tennis ploy

Bon appétit

EMPLOYEES at Harry Ramsden's fish and chip shop in Manchester have been sent to back to school, to brush up their language skills. In preparation for the Euro 96 kick-off next weekend, 80 staff are furiously learning how to batter-up customers in Czech, Russian, German and Italian. When Germany takes on the Czech Republic in Manchester on Sunday, Harry Ramsden's employees will be reeling off, in foreign tongues, such phrases as "Will you have extra mushy peas with your haddock, sir?" and "Would you like the spotted dick to follow your main meal?"

Facia haggling

TRYING to strike a deal to divide the spoils of the collapsed Facia proved a problem for the lawyers yesterday. Passers-by at the Royal Courts of Justice were accused of eavesdropping and, in desperation, the team from solicitors Titmuss Sainer Dechert, for Sears, held a meeting in the doorway of the ladies' loo. None of this spoilt the good humour of Gabriel Moss, QC, for Facia's receivers. Unabashed, he beamed: "I'm just catching up on what is going on. I had to read all the papers on the flight back from my villa in Corsica."

Signs to watch

LEADING City fund managers listened in disbelief yesterday to the quirky trading style of Victor Niederhoffer, the Berkeley professor who insists that his staff work without shoes in the office. Niederhoffer attributes his success to the wisdom of LoBargola, an African who wrote in the 1930s that elephants trample the same garden repeatedly. Niederhoffer, who avoids the herd instinct, and takes frequent breaks from work to tinkle the ivories, sets his own indicators, including the number of dental operations on pets and trade at Salvation Army Thrift stores.

THE arrival of broad-shouldered Bill Harrison as chief executive at BZW in September fills a handful of his future colleagues with dread. According to Brummie Harrison's former colleagues at blue-blooded Robert Fleming, their former director would frequently call them at the crack of dawn on a Sunday to enquire whether they had read a pertinent story in that day's Sunday Mirror.

MORAG PRESTON

BT finds out the truth of its slogan: it's good to talk

Negotiations with Oftel have proven more fruitful than expected, writes **Philip Bassett**



Sir Iain Vallance may be content not to put a call through to the MMC

It's clearly good to talk. Extensive discussions between BT and Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, look as though they have paid off: yesterday's proposals on BT's pricing and fair trading may be enough of a compromise to avoid a lengthy and damaging reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, and to give BT a price framework within which it can operate for the next five years.

Don Cruickshank, BT's regulator, seems to have achieved the impossible. With his latest and long-awaited price regime for BT, and the anticompetitive proposals to which he firmly linked the new prices, the director-general of the Office of Telecommunications appears to be pleasing everyone all the time.

Consumers liked it. BT's competitors liked it. BT's shareholders liked it. And BT? Given the strained state of relations between BT and the regulator, BT was never going to say it liked it. But not only was Oftel's new framework much better than BT had feared, it was sufficiently carefully balanced to make BT's decision about whether to refer it next month to the MMC a fine one.

The relaxation of BT's pricing regime, and the announcement that it is to end completely after 2001, appears, if it is accepted by BT's board on July 23, to be in sharp contrast with the state of all-but total war between other regulators and their utilities. Not just Clare Spottiswoode at Ofgas and British Gas, which is outraged at her tougher than expected price controls, but Ian Byatt at Ofwat hammering Yorkshire Water for its service failures last summer and even Stephen Littlechild at Offer disagreeing with some success about some of the integrated energy structure proposals from some electricity companies.

Earlier in the year, relations between BT and Oftel were said to be at an all-time low, and Don Cruickshank's name prompted little but exasperated frustration high up in BT's offices overlooking St Paul's Cathedral.

But the advent of Sir Peter Bonfield as BT's chief executive appears to have helped significantly in clearing the logjams with Oftel in nearby Ludgate Hill, and yesterday's announcement came after careful lobbying by BT, and patient and painstaking negotiations between the company and the regulator.

Senior BT officials made little secret of how high they saw the stakes. With a continuing need to invest in such expanding areas as the information superhighway in the face of accelerating international competition, BT said price controls could not be sustained at the level of the past six years. Sir Iain Vallance, BT's usually unflappable chairman, said that BT simply could not survive if the RPI-X price cap stayed at RPI-7.5 — that is, prices falling each year by 7.5 per cent in real terms. In the negotiations which have run throughout the year, Oftel is understood to have favoured a price cap with an X figure of 5 per cent to 9 per cent. BT urged that it should be no more than 3 per cent to 4 per cent.

Yesterday's figure of RPI-4.5 looks, then, like a classic compromise. But John Butler, BT's director of regulatory affairs, says: "Unsophisticated observers might say that 4.5 sounds less than 7.5. But it is a tough cap."

BT claims that because the price cap is directed at only residential customers, and just the low-spending among them at that, it will actually be tougher than the 7.5 cap, because it will apply more to local calls than long-distance and international connections, where prices have already been cut. Mr Butler says: "It is tough on BT, and tough on the industry — especially on those companies who supply services to residential customers." Mostly, that still means BT, and largely BT alone. Structurally, the telecoms market in Britain is fundamentally different from even 1990, when the BT-Mercury duopoly was ended. Now, there are 18 fixed-link operators, including BT, Mercury, Energis and Ionica; four mobile networks; and more than 100 cable franchises able to offer phone services.

But in terms of market share, little has changed to match such structural rearrangement. According to Oftel, BT still controls 80 per cent of the UK market, with some 27 million customers. Oftel says Mercury accounts for 240,000 customers, and the cable companies together some 870,000.

Though BT accepts that the cable companies in particular are picking up about 50,000 customers every month as more areas are linked up to cable services, and that its own residential line connections have fallen by some 113,000 over the 12 months to the end of March, it believes that too many customers are coming back to BT after an initial dalliance with cable, with their recapture assisted by some pointed, and highly price-focused, advertising.

While Oftel suggested yesterday that by 2001, BT's market share is likely to be about 65 per cent — slightly higher than BT's own and other industry estimates — consumer groups were sceptical. Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, said: "It still looks as if BT will have a virtual monopoly on the calls market in four years' time."

With some consumer bodies calling for a one-off cut in domestic bills, their welcome for Oftel's announcement yesterday was guarded — but a welcome nontheless, especially for its focus on domestic customers. Ms Evans said: "For too long, business customers have benefited far more than domestic customers from price reductions."

Not any more. Oftel's new regime means that only 26 per cent of BT's revenues will be price-capped, as opposed to 64 per cent now. Price controls will apply to only those areas where Oftel judges consumer protection is still needed: low to medium-spending residential customers, and small businesses.

Thus, BT's main profit areas will be free from price controls — and profits last year were £3.02 billion, up 13 per cent and well ahead of market expectations. Peter Howell-Davies, Mercury's chief executive, called this a "more focused approach to price controls" by Oftel and welcomed it. Oftel sees it as a balance. Mr Cruickshank said: "It gives residential customers a substantially better deal than they have had before without making assumptions about market growth or BT's ability to improve its efficiency which would put the development of the industry at risk."

But crucial to Oftel's proposals is the sting in the tail of new powers on fair trading. Oftel was at pains to emphasise the linkage between its proposals to introduce new requirements into BT's licence and the more relaxed price controls. The deal being offered to BT could barely be clearer: a better than feared price regime in return for potential powers that BT says are unacceptable but may now find it can live with.

Certainly, BT leaders yesterday were as unspecific as possible about their threat of an MMC reference. The best guess in the industry is that after the lengthy talks between company and regulator, the Oftel package will be enough to avert one — avoiding plunging the entire UK telecoms industry into a year-long limbo at a time of continuing rapid international advancement.

BT will use the month-long consultation period to try again to swing Oftel away from changes to the current licence on new fair trading powers towards separate legislative proposals on the issue — which, given the Government's supermodel-slim majority and the imminence of a general election, would effectively mean kicking it well into touch for a long while. Mr Cruickshank may well not be for turning. Calling the fair trading conditions an "indivisible part" of the price-control proposals, he flights the whole package neatly: "This is actually more about pricing freedom than price control." It is now up to BT to decide whether that is enough.



JANET BUSH

New Labour, strong pound

British manufacturing shows its sharpest fall in May since September, 1992. Another Conservative minister resigns because of an extra-marital affair. A Gallup survey finds that British people are filled with unprecedented gloom about virtually every aspect of life. This triple whammy of bad news should have had pin-striped Conservative loyalists dumping sterling all over the Square Mile.

Far from it, the pound held steady as a rock yesterday. The pound has gained about 8 per cent against the mark from its lows earlier this year. That tells a story about the weakness of the German economy and its satellites on the boulder-strewn road to European monetary union, as aspiring entrants engage in a co-ordinated deflation in order to meet the Maastricht deficit criteria. Increasingly, the market perception is that EMU may well happen but it will be a far softer version of what was envisaged because of deficit difficulties. That promises little support for continental currencies.

With its opt-out from the single currency, Britain can avoid this mess. Despite a sense of desperation in manufacturing, the economy is rolling along in a modestly satisfactory fashion — at least in comparison with European competitors and at least in the short term. This would account for some of sterling's bounce.

But sterling is also at a three-month high against the dollar. Something has changed and it appears to be new Labour. For the first time in memory, Labour may be able to breathe a little easier about currency traders. The Conservative party may have to cede its traditional advantage of having the wide boys on its side.

The morning note to clients from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell yesterday made doleful reading. Noting that the pound was a shade lower first thing, it said: "The resignation of the Welsh Office Minister Richards is certainly an embarrassment for the Government. Since, however, he remains an MP this provides no more than a convenient excuse for profit taking following last week's impressive rally." So much for turmoil within government as a fundamental factor in sterling's performance.

The Gallup poll may show a Britain sunk in despondency about the economy and society. But with their knack of looking beyond the immediate, the currency markets are positively sanguine about the future if that means a Labour government with a large majority. Citibank is typical of current thinking. It is telling clients: "A key factor in changing perceptions on sterling is the idea that the political situation can only improve from here. The next government, widely anticipated to be Labour, is expected to have a more stable majority than this one. This is seen as a big plus for sterling."

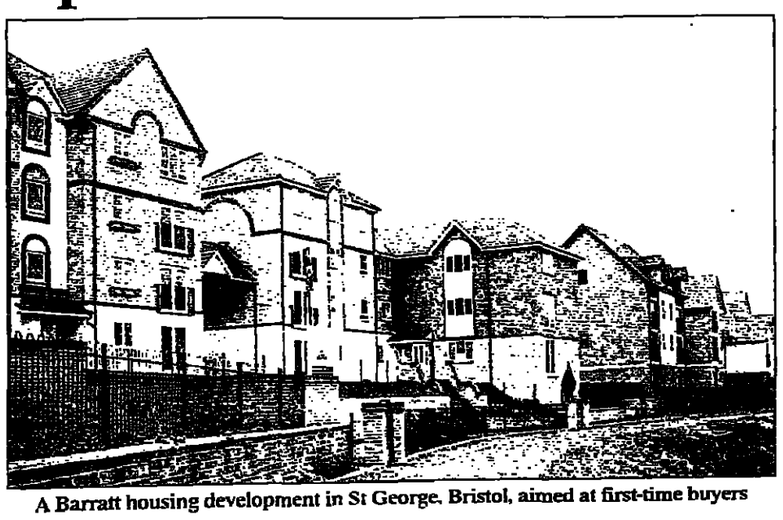
Ian Shepherdson, chief UK economist at HSBC Markets, dates sterling's revival from Tony Blair's speech to the great and good of Wall Street which was successful in burying the idea of Labour as tax and spend bogeymen and reassuring investors that new Labour would pursue orthodox macroeconomic policies. Free market die-hards may not like a Labour government but their fears have diminished. He believes that, as a big Labour majority becomes more likely, so the pound will rise further.

Another element of this unaccustomed love affair between sterling and Labour comes back to Europe. Although all of this is highly speculative and some time off, new Labour is deemed more likely to join an ERM II than any Conservative Government. This too, is supporting the pound.

It is irritating for the Chancellor. In spite of his protestations to the contrary in *The Times* last week, the pound's rise makes it more difficult for British firms to export to Europe. If prolonged, it also brings greater risks to his strategy of relying on consumer spending to keep the economy growing via a worsening trade balance. Most galling, though, is having to admit the nation's virility symbol is rising through the blandishments of rival suitors.

Sara McConnell on housing investment trusts

Tempting institutional investors into the private rental market



A Barratt housing development in St George, Bristol, aimed at first-time buyers

The Stock Exchange is ready to allow housing investment trusts a listing in London without the usual three-year qualifying period in an effort to encourage support from investors.

The proposal is contained in a consultation document put forward by the exchange last week. The results should be enshrined in the Yellow Book guidelines for directors in the autumn. The legislation to allow housing investment trusts is contained in the new Finance Act.

Housing investment trusts, which were first proposed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in the Budget last year, form an important part of the Government's continuing attempt to expand the private rental sector.

They will be quoted companies that invest mainly in residential freehold and long leasehold property to let. To qualify for an immediate exchange listing they will have to hold at least 75 per cent of their gross assets in property and will need net assets of at least £30 million at time of listing. The aim of setting up such trusts is to tempt institutional funds into the rental market.

For many years the rental sector has been adversely affected by policies that promoted home ownership. Although the Conservatives made some moves belatedly in the late 1980s to expand the private rental sector, it was not until the housing market slumped in the 1990s that the limitations of owner-occupation became evident.

The slump may have broken down one of the biggest blocks to an expanded private rental sector — the perception that renting must be avoided at all costs. Growing numbers of people are now renting where once they would have bought, unwilling to commit themselves to long-term borrowing in an uncertain market.

The supply of homes for rent is temporarily buoyed up by people letting because they cannot sell. But this phenomenon will not last in a recovering market and the Government is desperately searching for a more permanent supply of rental accommodation.

In theory, this is where housing investment trusts come in. Potential managers and lenders are enthusiastic about the idea, but they have serious reservations about some of the details.

The Government has decreed that the value of houses in trust portfolios must be limited to £85,000 per property outside London and £125,000 in London, which potential players in the market say is too low to be able to make volume savings on buying or managing the property.

Astute management will be a key to generating the sort of rental yields likely to interest institutional investors. But Charles Fry, chief executive of Johnson Fry, a specialist in managing property for rent, suggests that even with good management, yields are not going to be high enough without extra tax breaks to tempt investors to put up the money in the first place.

But the Government still has vivid memories of the Business Expansion Scheme. Generous tax breaks encouraged private investors to put money into companies that in later years invested in property for rent in a similar way to the proposed trusts. But companies now find themselves unable to sell their properties and pay back investors who were expecting a rich dividend after five years. The Government is reluctant to offer further tax breaks.

The Government also refuses to sanction the purchase of BES companies by trusts on the ground that they break the rule that properties have to be vacant or on shorthold tenancies.

Housing researchers believe the first-time market is changing and that many starter homes will be bought by investors wanting to to let them and benefit from the rental income. Yolande Barnes, head of research at Savills, says: "First-time buyers' properties will be stuck for longer. Their best hope is in interest from the private rented sector."

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European Growth	169.25	174.97	+ 0.23	0.10
- Accum	166.57	178.35	+ 0.24	0.10
Global Bond Inc #	97.03	25.95†	- 0.04	6.82
Mngd Pnsn Inc	56.74	56.64	- 0.24	1.39
- Accum	95.56	98.59	- 0.24	1.29
Int Spec Opps	171.13	181.41	- 1.21	
Pacific Gwth	154.31	165.10	- 0.80	0.02
Uk General #	95.21	100.15	- 0.60	2.72
- Accum #	100.23	106.06	- 0.62	2.72
Japan	85.09	86.76	- 0.71	
Sell & Fixed Int #	97.45	100.98†	+ 0.17	8.60

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 480 7216

Shan Dsbrd Gilt	64.92	68.76		9.65

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060

Extmon	190.70	200.70†	- 2.30	1.83
Uk Growth	304.90	315.60	- 0.90	2.03
Uk Income	144.20	151.60	- 0.10	3.52

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 852 100

Can Gen Dist	231.90	245.30	- 1.61	1.61
- Income Dist	127.70	129.00†		3.88
- Accum	260.50	414.00	- 0.60	3.88
Gilt & Fixed Int	88.25	92.89	- 0.01	6.42
Growth Units	153.80	268.10	- 0.70	3.02
Bond	171.00	181.10	- 0.39	7.48
Intl Growth	247.70	260.50†	- 4.70	0.28
North American	256.70	273.60	- 1.80	0.18
Far East	316.50	338.50	- 5.30	0.57
Uk Smaller Cos	242.40	248.60†	- 1.20	0.78
European	97.17	103.00†	- 0.70	0.78
Japanese Growth	49.27	52.21	- 0.43	
High Income	251.50	265.20	- 0.40	4.19

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	225.00	238.70	- 1.10	
European Inc	95.04	98.45	- 0.22	0.74
Smaller Cos Inc #	109.62	116.78	+ 0.40	1.32
Growth	531.80	565.80	- 5.20	1.56
Income & Growth #	496.80	528.60	- 1.30	3.85
- Accum #	575.20	616.30	- 1.50	1.93
Japan & Gen	72.76	77.39	- 1.38	
Master Portfolio	6116.17	6120.64†	- 3.00	1.93
- Accum	6127.08	6147.45†	- 40.00	1.93
Special Sits	124.10	132.10	- 0.50	1.62
High Yield	114.60	115.06†	- 4.00	4.38

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 1070

Cazenove Portfolio	101.69	108.44		2.35
American Portfolio	121.87	129.45		0.05
European Portfolio	130.67	139.19		0.63
High Income	90.30	96.42†		7.90
Japanese Portfolio	72.30	76.80	- 0.74	
Pacific Portfolio	159.83	171.87	- 3.31	1.39
UK Equity	97.36	103.86		3.08
UK Equity & Bd	96.00	98.38		6.47

CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG
0171 588 1815

Fix Fund	754.34	765.74		4.53
Fd In Sec	154.48	156.10		6.22

CORP CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	742.54	753.76		4.25
Investment Acc	1338.47	1352.98		
Fixed Int Inc	125.04	125.54		9.24
Fixed Int Acc	217.63	218.51		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5966

Capital	88.64	93.61		3.17
Bech Bio-Tech	50.33	54.42		
Acorn Ethical Tst	186.75	198.10		0.56
City Fin Assets	81.95	86.05	- 0.44	1.56
City Fin America	176.92	183.39		
City Fin Intl	95.70	100.49†		0.47
City Fin Japan	162.51	170.76		
Friars Fin Cos	338.42	349.38	- 0.50	2.15
Friars Hse Inc	200.56	213.36†	+ 0.63	3.80
Buckley Wrld Gth	157.73	167.19		
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	56.05	60.97		1.57

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0272 Acents: 01277 227 300
Emerging Markets 58.35 61.91 - 0.46

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	83.41	88.73	- 0.67	
Dragon Growth	74.94	80.14	- 1.28	0.14
Equity High Inc	89.43	95.14†	- 1.07	4.10
- Accum	127.25	135.37†	- 0.05	4.10
Extra Income Inc	35.92	37.27	+ 0.02	7.68
Extra Income Acc	37.72	39.17	+ 0.02	7.68
European Gwth	63.46	67.20	- 0.11	0.76
Evergreen	33.07	35.38		
General Equity	101.20	107.37	- 0.19	2.91
Japan Growth	54.27	57.73	- 0.84	
Pedigree Gwth	63.06	67.09†	- 0.19	2.48
Prpt Sec Cos Inc	39.31	41.80†	+ 0.01	7.25
- Accum	41.71	44.37	+ 0.01	7.25
Retirement Inc #	37.63	39.39†	- 0.19	5.86
Special Sits	48.23	51.31	- 0.07	2.05
UK & Overseas	60.07	63.74†	- 0.37	0.61

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01534 609 000

Balanced	68.14	70.97	- 0.02	4.04
Capital	61.55	64.94	- 0.19	2.31
High Income	49.82	51.80†	+ 0.07	7.30
Top 50	54.47	56.73	- 0.24	2.15

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	189.65	201.77	+ 0.12	4.55
Long Gilt	41.75	44.29	+ 0.10	8.46
Monthly Inc Plus	48.38	51.47	+ 0.03	7.41
Preference Shrs	46.53	49.53	- 0.07	7.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	139.78	148.70	- 0.17	5.74
Managed Fund	77.07	81.99	+ 0.23	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	92.63	98.58	+ 0.21	1.70
- Accum	92.71	98.18	+ 0.25	1.70
Us & General	94.82	100.87	- 0.27	2.56
- Accum	122.99	130.84	- 0.34	2.56
UK Growth	188.99	201.05	+ 0.01	1.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	212.99	226.59	- 0.74	0.64
Far Eastern Gth	142.75	151.87	- 2.37	0.02
Global Bond	81.07	86.15	- 0.39	5.76
Japan Growth	121.90	129.68	- 1.55	
North Amer Gth	236.63	251.73	- 2.71	
Oriental Growth	86.49	92.01	- 1.77	0.25
Worldwide Equity	75.96	80.81	- 0.86	0.70
OTHER CO TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.13	92.13	+ 0.03	5.38
Homemaker Fund	92.15	98.03	- 0.62	1.54
Dublin Fund	154.44	164.30	- 0.93	1.90

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5966

Consistent Ut	36.49	39.03		3.18

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 356

Growth	185.00	196.80†	- 0.20	1.44
Income	71.60	76.42	- 0.08	4.75
European	74.92	79.70	- 0.46	0.75
Recovery	191.90	204.30	- 0.10	1.72

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 8494

Equity Dist	950.00	966.40		3.45

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370

Fellowship Pst	112.80	119.90†	- 0.30	1.08
Income #	384.60	402.70	- 0.50	4.16
- Accum #	744.90	782.40	- 1.10	4.17
Smaller Cos	244.00	259.50	- 0.10	0.88
- Accum	301.50	320.70	- 0.30	0.88
Gth Portfolio	102.00	108.50	- 0.30	1.57
High Inc Port #	92.60	97.67	- 0.38	4.32

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 470 1834

Euro Small Cos	1700.50	1754.60	- 10.80	
Japan Small Cos	1284.90	1412.40	- 26.40	
Uk Small Cos	2553.20	2841.80	+ 1.70	
US Small Cos	2735.80	2980.70	- 6.80	

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819

Disc Inc	259.70	252.30†		2.76

For Dunedin see Edinburgh

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 555

Uk Balanced Inc	163.30	173.70†	- 3.00	1.86
Uk High Inc Inc	171.30	182.20†	- 0.40	3.75
- Accum	231.40	246.10†	- 0.50	3.75
Uk Prf & Fd Inc	56.83	60.28†	- 1.58	8.14
Emerging Dsgn	100.20	106.50†	- 0.20	0.94
Uk Smlr Cos #	69.60	74.04	+ 0.08	0.80
Extra Income Inc	47.73	50.77	+ 0.12	8.35

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 526

American	181.40	191.80	- 1.80	0.42
Convertibles #	97.57	23.93†	- 0.21	5.85
Equity Income #	141.50	150.30†	- 3.90	3.99
Enhanced	63.80	66.72	- 0.10	6.30
Financial	96.25	98.70	- 0.49	1.50
Growth & Inc #	286.70	304.60	- 1.20	2.79
High Dist #	177.20	188.30†	- 0.80	4.51
International	452.20	480.50	- 4.70	0.06
Int Corp Inc	106.30	113.50	- 0.70	2.56
Latin American	32.94	35.00	- 0.26	
Pacific	89.29	94.87	- 1.54	
Prel High Inc	21.85	23.22	+ 0.03	7.11
Tokyo	241.00	255.50	- 3.10	
Uk Smaller Cos	259.70	286.60†	- 0.50	1.06
Dunedin Unit Trust:				
European Gwth	331.80	350.40	- 0.70	0.60
New Asia	248.40	264.30	- 1.70	0.22
Japan Growth	119.00	126.30	- 1.20	
Japan Opps	69.10	73.35	- 0.75	
Mth Amer	414.00	437.90	- 5.70	0.67
Uk Inc & Gth	241.30	258.10	- 0.30	2.67

ELY PLACE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01171 242 0242

BW Director Dlgs	116.72	124.89	- 0.48	1.26
Growth Acc	256.25	273.40	+ 2.48	0.60
Income	612.60	647.60	- 3.29	4.80

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7291

Endurance Fd	232.00	246.80	..	0.96

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 437 460

European	93.09	97.95	+ 0.13	1.90
Ethical Tst	51.78	54.50	- 0.10	0.70
Far Eastern	325.62	342.76	- 2.68	1.58
High Income	137.99	145.25†	- 0.09	4.80
Uk Index Tracking	48.71	51.27	- 0.07	3.26
Gilt Growth	151.65	159.63	- 0.29	0.19
North American	142.11	134.85	- 1.12	1.63
Pelican	135.63	142.77	- 0.92	3.20
Smaller Cos	88.94	80.99	+ 0.26	2.75
Special Sits	109.15	114.89	+ 0.70	1.41
Tst of Inv Trs	216.62	230.34	- 0.78	1.05

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	232.67	253.05	- 0.44	1.46
Smaller Cos Acc	421.91	458.97	- 0.77	1.46
Recovery	56.23	63.00†	- 0.03	1.34
Recovery Acc	61.19	65.10†	- 0.03	1.34

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

Exempt Growth	98.59	95.00	- 0.16	
Fd of Inv Trsts	52.63	56.35	- 0.19	0.51
High Income #	38.34	41.09	- 0.02	11.19
Wldwide	54.39	58.12	- 0.43	
Zero Preference	42.57	45.11†	+ 0.03	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 220 707

Family Annet Tst	90.86	96.75	- 0.22	2.54
Limited Charities	308.20	327.80	+0.100	3.64

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfree. Private Clients: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.50
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fixd Int	27.36	27.83		7.29
Intl Bond	28.85	29.92	- 0.13	5.61
Income Funds				
High Income	35.83	37.12†	- 0.12	5.32
Income Plus	127.00	135.10†	- 1.30	3.92
Amer Eq Inc	62.92	66.70	- 0.51	1.10
European Income	49.20	52.32	- 0.14	2.60
Far East Inc	67.13	71.53†	- 0.69	1.24
Global Opportunities	26.01	27.65	- 0.25	3.53
Uk Dvr Gth	30.78	32.73	- 0.03	2.06
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	70.83	75.66	- 1.04	
American	350.40	350.40	- 2.20	
Asian Spec Sits	193.10	206.10†	- 1.00	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.09	40.63	- 0.60	
European	292.00	306.10	- 0.20	0.57
European Opps	79.84	84.80	- 0.11	0.02
Global Plus	31.70	33.71	- 0.27	0.33
Uk Growth	121.70	129.50	- 0.20	1.10
Growth & Inc	174.66	185.70	- 0.98	2.58
Intl PEP	47.32	50.32	- 0.13	0.96
Japan Spec Sits	91.12	103.40	- 2.20	
Japan	189.20	200.90	- 2.90	
Managed Inc	350.20	371.90	- 2.20	0.50
Opportunities	68.53	72.87	- 0.31	
Recovery	61.71	65.62	+ 0.15	1.84
South E Asia	183.60	195.30	- 3.10	0.93
Special Sits	744.50	791.70	+ 2.40	0.56
Specialist Funds:				
Core Access Units	114.44	114.44	+ 0.03	5.50

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700

Balanced #	155.70	158.40		1.66
Inc Plus #	93.28	94.97†	- 0.12	3.37
Cap Plus	162.30	165.00	- 1.30	0.98
General Opps	140.50	142.40†		2.76
Growth Inc	36.70	37.49†	- 0.07	1.66
Private Portfolio	509.40	518.10		1.04

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01277 696 386 Admin/Wid 01277 696 350

Euro Smlr Cos	148.50	158.20	+ 0.10	0.49
Emrg Asian	157.80	170.50	- 1.20	
High Income	21.54	22.88	- 0.23	9.83
UK Income	111.50	119.00†	- 0.30	4.31
US Smaller Cos	432.80	461.20	- 0.90	

For Foster & Braithwaite see Guthrie

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Emg 0171 300 8500 Dealing: 0345 717611				
American Growth	80.98	86.24		
-do- Accm	80.96	86.24		
Amer Smlr Cos	738.30	789.60		
-do- Accm	754.20	806.60		
Capital Tst	409.00	435.10		0.82
-do- Accm	597.40	635.50		0.82
Cent Smlr Cos	84.62	90.89		0.75
-do- Accm	88.19	72.70		0.75
Convertible	140.23	152.30		5.26
-do- Accm	303.80	323.20		5.26
Emerging Markets	72.58	77.54		0.16
-do- Accm	72.83	77.81		0.16
European	146.80	155.20†		0.25
-do- Accm	155.00	164.30†		0.25
Extra Income	398.70	413.50		3.68
-do- Accm	605.10	643.70		3.68
Financial	166.60	177.20†		0.68
-do- Accm	177.00	188.30†		0.68
Gilt Trust	63.08	65.04		6.41
-do- Accm	99.53	98.50		6.41
Health Fund Inc	308.40	329.50†		
-do- Accm	308.40	329.50†		
Income & Growth	229.40	244.00†		2.94
-do- Accm	363.40	386.80†		2.94
Intl Growth	453.20	483.20†		
-do- Income	583.60	536.35†		
Japan & Gen	188.20	198.90		
-do- Accm	189.10	201.90		
Monthly Inc #	195.60	208.10†		6.21
Managed Pnsl Inc	121.90	130.40†		1.69
-do- Accm #	65.00	69.71†		4.25
Recovery	207.40	414.30		0.19
-do- Accm	457.20	489.00		0.19
UK Growth	65.18	69.34†		1.86
-do- Accm	70.60	75.11†		1.86

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Small gains in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on *the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend.* Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	477	Allied Domecq	477	- 7	6.2	15.1
625	508	Bolsover (HP)	580		5.0	19.7
131	105½	Burn Stewart	105½	- 1	2.7	18.2
655	615	Glenmorangie A	645		4.6	11.8
484	411	Grand Met	433	- 2	4.5	18.1
452	405	Greenalls	443	- 2½	4.0	15.1
327	315	Highland Distil	325	+ 1	2.7	17.5
195	158	Macallan-Glen	171	+ 2	1.1	35.1
800	655	Matthew Clark	801		3.1	
131	93	Morphem W	124		2.0	
2612½	1706½	SA Breweries	1962½	+ 18½	1.9	

BANKS

3584½	2740½	ABN-AMRO	3556½	+ 25	3.9	12.5
553	529	Abbey Nat	554	+ 1	4.9	10.6
385	322	Allied Irish	385		5.6	10.1
336	286	Aus New Z	286	- 13	6.5	7.9
5240½	3647½	Bank Americas	4943½	- 56		
318	235½	Bank Scotland	268	- 1	3.2	11.3
819	680	Barclays	758	+ 7	4.3	9.9
488	422	Bk of Ireland	458		4.4	
493	384	Brtsr Aiken	484		9.5	6.5
5606½	4031½	Citicorp	5406½	- 81½		
302	318	Close Bros	384	+ 5	2.9	17.0
2157½	1432½	Comm'zbk	2139½	- 137½	3.6	
1350	1150½	Del Lon Ken Y	1162½	- 12½	0.4	
3412½	2976½	Deutsche Bk	3369½	- 62½	2.5	
803½	780½	Espirito Sante	793½		4.7	10.2
1597	1265½	Fuji Bank Y	1365½	- 14½	0.4	
472	366	Gerrard Nat	366	- 1	7.5	11.9
352	318	Hambros	334	- 2	4.0	
1154	918	HSBC/-	1068	- 15	4.1	10.3
1099	930	HSBC HK†	1065	- 13½	4.1	10.3
421	365	Irish Perm	388		3.2	10.8
775	143	King Shaxson	171		6.6	13.3
455	415	Leopold J	433	+ 5	5.4	14.9
3497½	2345½	Lloyds TSB	3121		3.1	13.6
640	576	Mid Aust Bk	591	- 18	7.5	7.4
711	606	Nat West	695	+ 1½	5.1	8.7
96	58	Rea Brothers	58		2.2	27.5
986	862	Rgl Bk Scot†	970	+ 5	4.6	11.6
1389	1186	Schroders	1305	+ 3	1.5	18.9
1128	980	Schroders N/V	1078	+ 5	1.5	18.7
116	98½	Singer & Fried†	105	- 1½	4.8	13.0
882½	547	Standd Chart	646	+ 4	2.1	14.1
105	85½	Union	98		3.6	
2174½	2131½	Wells Fargo	2155½	- 29½	3.4	
339½	264	Westpac	296	- 5½	4.9	
365	288	Wkshire	308		4.9	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

59	36	Abrdn Stk Hld	36			7.8
370	283	Accord Gp	359	- 2	0.7	
822	702	Allied†	802	- 4½	3.6	17.3
70	48	Bk for the Brt	65		4.6	11.8
177	161	Berkeley Hse	162		1.2	15.7
125	92	City Centre Rest†	117		2.4	22.1
578	483	Compass Gp	571	- 6½	1.7	27.7
263	198	Eldridge P 'A'©	248	+ 1	2.5	22.0
693	572	Enterprise Inn	693		2.7	20.2
336	251	Greenalls Grp	336	+ 3	2.4	20.6
297	204	Greene King	288		2.7	16.4
324	274	Grosvenor Inns	283	+ 3	2.4	20.1
257	204	Groups Chef Gr	255		1.2	25.5
367	300	Hardy Hanso	360	+ 1	4.2	11.3
230	155	Hawtins	210		2.9	14.4
3475	3086	Hnt Jt	3175		2.2	17.2
89	46	Inn Business	58	+ 1		
350	313	Mansfield	350		1.9	17.6
3539	3007	Marston Thomp	3497	- 2	2.6	16.3
673	535	Morland	670		2.4	18.8
147	118	My Kinda Town	141	- 2	2.7	13.9
6½	4½	Parkmead†	6¼	- ¼	4.4	10.0
148	123	Pelican Gp	144	+ 2	1.4	24.2
373	297	Pizza Express	370		0.6	38.3
436	345	Restrctns (H)	430		1.5	44.1
1120	858	Regent Inns	1120	+ 11	0.8	35.1
788	691	Scot & Newc	675	+ 1	4.4	12.9
238	205	Tom Cobleigh	222	+ 8	1.5	
313	268	Vaux Group†	308	+ 1	2.3	13.3
956	840	Wetherspoon JD	943	+ 3	1.1	22.9
739	572	Whitbread†	724	- 5	3.8	15.7
688	578	Wolvrhmptn D	637		3.1	14.4
407	297	Yates Bros	384		1.0	34.1
528	425	Young 'A'	528	+ 10	3.0	25.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

33	17½	AAF Inds	30			
175	135	Abbey	172		3.8	11.2
288	216	Allen	284		2.6	21.9
121	82	Ansell	118	+ ½	3.3	22.9
269	232	Anderson Sykes	264	+ 5	1.4	
200	165	Ashtead	186	- 1	1.7	18.1
98	25	Avocastle	38		3.3	
31	24	Bailey (Geo) Conf	29½		4.4	12.4
56	34	Barron	51	- 3	0.7	
261	205	Barratt Dev	261	+ 1	2.9	15.9
213	166	Beazer Homes	188		3.9	15.3
344	248	Bellway†	315	- 2½	3.1	13.7
21	17	Bellwinch	20			
597	483	Blackwy Gp	588		3.7	18.1
173	135	Bpb Ind	168	- 2	3.0	12.4
250	175	Brdr (Hldgs)†	226		4.0	10.2
123	91	Brandon Hire	120	+ 2	2.3	17.9
27	19	Britannia Gp	26		8.0	
50	31	Br Bldg & Eng	43			
135	104	Bryant	128	+ 1	5.0	15.3
53	35	BSS Group	50		4.2	10.2
29	18	Caudill & Asn	14			11.1
52	37	Clarke T	52		9.8	
103	70	Cochin	76			
87	58	Crossbrdge	76		4.7	
88	54½	Cmst Nicholson	77	+ 1	3.2	25.5
85	72½	Costain	85		3.7	
220	118	Ern Bridge	149		6.2	7.5
29	15	Enfield	27		6.0	45.5
733	554	Gleeson (MJ)†	650		2.2	16.9
84	60	Green (Eng)	78		7.0	
286	214	Hanson Conv	286		2.5	25.1
1695	1462	Hanson PLC	1695	- 13½	4.1	10.3
421	365	Irish Perm	388		3.2	10.8
775	143	King Shaxson	171		6.6	13.3
455	415	Leopold J	433	+ 5	5.4	14.9
3497½	2345½	Lloyds TSB	3121		3.1	13.6
640	576	Mid Aust Bk	591	- 18	7.5	7.4
711	606	Nat West	695	+ 1½	5.1	8.7
96	58	Rea Brothers	58		2.2	27.5
986	862	Rgl Bk Scot†	970	+ 5	4.6	11.6
1389	1186	Schroders	1305	+ 3	1.5	18.9
1128	980	Schroders N/V	1078	+ 5	1.5	18.7
116	98½	Singer & Fried†	105	- 1½	4.8	13.0
882½	547	Standd Chart	646	+ 4	2.1	14.1
105	85½	Union	98		3.6	
2174½	2131½	Wells Fargo	2155½	- 29½	3.4	
339½	264	Westpac	296	- 5½	4.9	
365	288	Wkshire	308		4.9	17.3

DISTRIBUTORS

121	97	ASI Leis	104		5.3	12.2
465	360	Adns & Harvey	380	- 5	6.4	9.0
18	14	Alexandrs	17		2.2	
113	98	Appleyard	108		7.1	
4	3½	Ass Br Eng	3¾		2.0	
630	505	BSS Group	630		3.8	18.1
38	25	Bardi	26		5.8	16.8
23½	16	Bearing Power	16½		2.0	14.9
45	23	Bogod 'A'	45			

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

0%	0%	Anglo Utd	0%			
388	286	Amalgamated	368	- 2	1.8	12.4
1656	895	Bridon Hld	980		2.6	21.0
540	372½	BTR†	540		6.6	11.6
586	477	BATT	516	- 3	5.8	10.1
211	181	Beresford Ind	217		1.7	20.1
134	111	Bibby Utd	123	- 1	6.1	8.9
63½	50½	Bolesley Inv	57		8.2	7.9
972	817	Cookson	967	- 3	3.3	15.8
191	141	Cossill	180		6.4	11.1
276	204	DCC†	276	- 2	3.2	
140	120	Dickinson Hdg	136		5.7	14.9
220	179	Elementar	185	+ 1	5.7	13.6
172½	140½	Hanson Cnsltnt	164	+ 1	7.8	15.3
434½	379½	Hutch Whampo	403	- 13	1.9	20.5
463½	441½	Jardine Math	463½	- 4½	3.3	
217½	174½	Lonrho	185	- 1	3.2	20.9
190	164	McLeod Russel	168	- 6	4.5	15.6
476	403	Powell Duffryn	403	- 8	7.6	16.5
146	128	Rayner	128	- 1	8.1	
1½	¼	Sime Darby†	1½		2.9	15.1
232	192½	Slough	224		4.7	10.5
173	156	Sulzer†	170		7.2	10.5
359	259	TT Group	354	+ 2	2.3	18.1
254½	245	Tomkins	256	+ ½	4.9	14.1
58½	37½	Unilogic H	58½			
648	520	Wagon Ind	648	- 1	3.0	14.7
152	120	WSI Ind	148	- 1	4.5	7.4
227	176½	Wmsn Engr	343	- 1	4.6	13.5
353½	307	Wolsey	313½		5.2	15.4
70	53	Wyndeham	70		0.9	38.2
147	111	Zotefoams	147		6.4	17.6

ELECTRICITY

737	574	East Midlands	588	- 6	6.3	8.2
873	643	London Elect	732	- 2	6.3	8.2
433	325	Midlands Elec	426		5.4	10.8
1078	774	National Grid	1033½	+ 1½	6.5	8.2
616	495	Northern Elec	517	- 4	5.8	9.6
491	356	Norweb	491	+ 1	5.8	9.6
734	580	Northern Elec	562	- 7	7.6	7.0
455	363	Nthn Ireland	414	+ 1	4.4	9.1
494	374	PowerGen†	494	- 5½	5.3	8.7
475	354	PowerGen (P/P†)	354	- 5½	5.3	8.7
372	306	Scot Hydro Elec	317	+ 2	5.7	9.1
403	313	Scottish Power	371	+ 3	5.2	9.2
910	700½	Southern Elec	718	+ 4	6.9	8.1
910	668	Yorkshire Elec	782	+ 2	6.0	8.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

562	552	Acal	553		1.8	20.1
311	185	Access Comp	284	- 1		
288	163½	Admiral	268		0.9	33.0
218½	154	Aerotrol	156	+ ½	2.2	
50	33	Anlen	49		1.6	
153	110	Arbor†	150		4.2	10.5
500	488	Arlen	488	+ 26	0.7	
280	276	BICC†	280	+ 2	4.8	
252	195	Brake Hunter	205		8.3	20.8
505	445	Bllck	505		2.8	16.1
493	385	Bowthorpe†	463	- ½	3.6	20.1
110	84	Bridgn (AF) 'A'	104½	- ½	3.5	
133	123	CML Micro©	123		6.2	12.8
39	24	Channel Hldgs	35		4.7	15.2
399	224	Chloride	394		1.4	37.8
73	56	Clayside	73		5.4	12.4
61	44	Cray Elect	46		4.4	
855	644	Cridoby	845	+ 15	1.4	29.0
848	585	Data Sc Sys	738	+ 35	0.3	
484	376	Delta	420		4.8	21.0
498	403	Domino	408		3.1	38.6
1½	¾	Dowding Mills	1		5.1	16.3
3500	1541	Dwek	3450		0.5	37.0
3488	2616½	Electrocm 'B'	3338½	+ 21½	3.6	9.2
397	304	Emess	36		0.7	22.5
1516½	1135	Ericsson 'B'	1462½	+ 19½	1.2	27.1
88	68	Eurotherm	84		3.3	15.5
645	542	Exotherm	643		1.5	25.8
688	533	Farey Group	686	- 2	1.5	25.8
297	208	Filtronic Com	295	- 3	0.3	53.1
1608	920	Forward Tech	1608	- 7½	1.9	
100	71	Fortress Tech	75	- 2	4.5	11.2
381	341	GEC	375	+ 2½	3.8	17.5
137	114	Gresby	127		6.5	21.6
140	93½	Ind Comm'V	140	+ 1	3.2	28.4
131	95	Intech	131	+ 1	2.7	47.0
131	97	Invtk	125	- 2	1.0	12.6
57	34	LPA Ind	54		4.1	12.5
250	200	MTL Instr©	200		4.1	17.0
200	166	Magnetic Power©	182	- 8		
298	248	Marshn-Sw	298		2.3	18.1
72	48	Micromtrx†	71½	+ ½	1.5	22.8
472	340	Mitel	451	- 5		
68	36	Nexterics	61	+ 2	1.7	
486	406	Oxford Inst	473		1.5	18.8
150	125	Pacer Systems©	126		3.3	
131	97	Pwtrl	125½	- 2	3.4	18.9
2765½	2253½	Philips Lmp sw	2268½	- 19½	2.7	81
171	141	Picatech	170	+ 2	3.7	
198	146	Pressac	177		2.5	16.5
49	33	Prestwick	48	- 1		23.7
470	236½	Pulsn	435		2.1	24.7
348	233	Racal Elect	330	+ 4	3.1	20.3
160	78	Redstnct	95		3.2	18.5
391	223	Relnfrcd	268		9.6	14.0
581	355	Renishaw	577	- 2	1.7	28.7
8	1½	Rollins	3½			
280	256	Rotork	260		2.6	
427	317	Sensornics	424		2.3	24.5
67	52	Silverwood	59	+ 1	1.6	21.5
63	52	Spectrum©	59		4.0	
3098½	3005½	TDK	3071½		0.9	
68	56	Tech Crucial©	55	+ 1½		25.0
165	136	Tek	165		3.6	17.3
1½	¾	Tekelec	1½	+ ¼	1.9	17.3
98	84	Teltronic	98			
1½	1	Telpro	1½			
1½	1	Telspec	1½	- ½	1.3	
245	221	Thorpe Fw	227	- 2	2.5	19.6
30	20	Total Systems	30		3.3	31.2
377	302	Transtatl	377	+ 1½	1.5	20.8
695	470	Unitech	695		1.9	20.1
16½	12½	Vality	13½			14.9
292	227	Vero	282	- 2	2.7	14.1
456	383	Volex	456		5.4	16.1
36	17½	Waterhouse	34	+ 5		
172	126	Wheatcroft	127		4.0	17.1

ENGINEERING

383	277	ABM	349		1.6	19.1
96½	66	APV†	66½		5.1	19.1
99	78	ASW†	78	- 1	6.4	
465	357	Alumasc	455		2.2	20.1
175	130	Alvis†	130		3.8	8.0
201	178	Ash & Lacy	178		4.7	14.5
839	688	Atlas Equip	753		3.7	19.9
138	118	Aquilex Hldgs†	118		5.8	
351	264	BBA	338	- 2	3.8	22.2
151	101	BL Group	138		4.5	15.4
161	133	BMH	154		5.4	13.9
145	98	Babcock	102	- 1	3.2	60.1
6	3	Bailey (C H)	3			
1½	¾	Baynes (Charles)	1¾	- ½	2.2	20.1
36	24	Bcstland	36	+ 1	1.4	
58	38	Benson Group	54			
95	58	Bifam	80		1.6	8.3
564	403	Bodycote†	556	+ 5	1.5	25.7
48	35½	Booth Indl	46			
39	29	Bradley	39		4.5	15.2
23½	17	Brammer	23½		4.3	26.2
139	119	Bridon	119	- 1	4.5	26.2
907	787	Br Aerospace†	888	- 1	1.8	22.0
201	161	Br Steel	169	- 1½	6.3	4.9
1½	1	Brooke Tool†	1½		2.2	12.3
38	28	Brunel	32½	+ 3½	1.9	20.7
113	84	Bullough	108		3.1	15.6
143	82	Bunzl†	131		4.1	15.7
315	253	Carclo Eng	309		2.5	
333	231	Cattings	332		2.5	
158	140	Champlon Hldg	150	+ 5	3.2	17.7
445	356	Chemring	430		2.3	31.6
275	195	Clyde Blowers	274		3.1	60.5
539	471	Cobham†	505	- 2½	2.0	
645	535	Colour (A)	645		1.2	8.0
188	144	Concentric†	188		4.4	13.0
265	215	Cook (Wm)	265		3.9	18.9
235	190	David Brown	230		4.2	
396	385	DSI	370	- 6½	4.4	9.5
31	17	Diecast	17		1.8	9.5
96	74	Dowty	96		4.0	
107	74	Dwnld (B)	97		3.9	18.6
99	86	Egmond	97		3.4	16.4
174	113	Fll	174	+ 1½	3.4	16.4
160	130	Fenner	160		3.0	15.2
6	1½	Ferrera	5½			33.6
98	38	Firth Hldgs	98			8.9
63½	57	Flds Recon	58½		2.1	24.3
152	120	GEI Int	148	- 1	3.0	14.7
190	164	McLeod Russel	168	- 6	4.5	15.6
476	403	Powell Duffryn	403	- 8	7.6	16.5
146	128	Rayner	128	- 1	8.1	
1½	¾	Sime Darby†	1½		2.9	15.1
232	192½	Slough	224		4.7	10.5
173	156	Sulzer†	170		7.2	10.5
359	259	TT Group	354	+ 2	2.3	18.1
254½	245	Tomkins	256	+ ½	4.9	14.1
58½	37½	Unilogic H	58½			
648	520	Wagon Ind	648	- 1	3.0	14.7
152	120	WSI Ind	148	- 1	4.5	7.4
227	176½	Wmsn Engr	343	- 1	4.6	13.5
353½	307	Wolsey	313½		5.2	15.4
70	53	Wyndeham	70		0.9	38.2
147	111	Zotefoams	147		6.4	17.6

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586	477	BATT	516	- 3	5.8	10.1
211	181	Beresford Ind	217		1.7	20.1
134	111	Bibby Utd	123	- 1	6.1	8.9
63½	50½	Bolesley Inv	57		8.2	7.9
972	817	Cookson	967	- 3	3.3	15.8
191	141	Cossill	180		6.4	11.1
276	204	DCC†	276	- 2	3.2	
140	120	Dickinson Hdg	136		5.7	14.9
220	179	Elementar	185	+ 1	5.7	13.6
172½	140½	Hanson Cnsltnt	164	+ 1	7.8	15.3
434½	379½	Hutch Whampo	403	- 13	1.9	20.5
463½	441½	Jardine Math	463½	- 4½	3.3	
217½	174½	Lonrho	185	- 1	3.2	20.9
190	164	McLeod Russel	168	- 6	4.5	15.6
476	403	Powell Duffryn	403	- 8	7.6	16.5
146	128	Rayner	128	- 1	8.1	
1½	¾	Sime Darby†	1½		2.9	15.1
232	192½	Slough	224		4.7	10.5
173	156	Sulzer†	170		7.2	10.5
359	259	TT Group	354	+ 2	2.3	18.1
254½	245	Tomkins	256	+ ½	4.9	14.1
58½	37½	Unilogic H	58½			
648	520	Wagon Ind	648	- 1	3.0	14.7
152	120	WSI Ind	148	- 1	4.5	7.4
227	176½	Wmsn Engr	343	- 1	4.6	13.5
353½	307	Wolsey	313½		5.2	15.4
70	53	Wyndeham	70		0.9	38.2
147	111	Zotefoams	147		6.4	17.6

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

151	109	Advncd	150	+ 3	6.5	42.8
295	265	Aerflow Sttcmnt	270	- 1	4.5	
633	473	Avon Rubber†	627	- ½	3.6	15.3
69½	57½	BSG†	60½		5.0	14.7
353	273	Bestwood	351	+ 1	2.4	15.4
39	29	Bnsfield	29		6.4	
475	431	Flrd Tech	474		2.0	16.9
1014	778	GKN	985	- 8	3.1	17.9
9572	8117½	General Motors	9500	- 50	2.9	
1610½	1312½	Honda Motor	1543½	- 11½	0.5	
502	386	Lambt	466		3.6	9.2
465	425	Loadec	465		8.3	
249	192	Lucas†	241	+ 4	3.7	31.6
1165	91	Mardwood	111		3.3	15.5
178	145	Sytsme	171		3.5	46.0
187	147	T & N†	156	- 1	5.7	16.4
433	351	Tchnlgy Hldgs	364	+ 7	2.9	17.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

429	355	AB Food	378	- 1	2.9	13.5
264	247	Acatos & Hutch	257	+ 1	4.4	20.8
53	43½	Albert Fisher†	48	- 1	9.8	12.0
325	275	Banks (S C)	325		4.0	12.3
343	315	Bsn (AG)	343		3.0	22.2
32	21	Bemrose Corp	29			19.8
400	356	Booker†	382	+ 1	7.4	14.8
36	29	Bortlwsch	33		5.0	
597	365	CPL Aromas	469		1.0	30.5
1007	468½	Cadbury-Schwp	481	- 2	2.9	16.1
83	65	Carrallac Pore	79	- 1	7.6	13.3
348	310	Cons Millingt	315		3.6	11.3
152	88	Cowgillan	88	- 1	3.1	11.6
91	72	Continental Fds	75		6.1	6.6
198	171	Cranswick	182		6.1	
444	365	Dalgety†	375	+ 1	7.3	11.3
33	31	Daniels S	32		0.4	
272	226	Devro	234	- 1	4.1	13.4
109	79	Everest	108		4.7	9.7
69	51	Finlay (James)†	61	+ ½	4.8	12.9
93	79	Global	19½		3.8	12.9
333	278	Greencore†	309		2.6	13.0
114	98	Hazlewood Fds	102		8.2	8.4
197	166	Hillsdown†	182	+ 3	6.5	12.7
66	53	Hntleigh	63		3.2	9.1
385	310	Linton Park†	354	+ 1	5.3	
129½	95	Matthews (B)	105		4.0	10.9
231	212	Nichols (V)	228		3.6	14.3
205	171	Nthn Foods	187	+ 1	5.9	
13½	10½	Northern Fd	11½			6.6
115	105	Pasoe's	113			
11	8	Pangbourn (UK)	8			
85	69	Perkins Food	79		7.1	13.1
67	52	Plant & Goe	58	+ 1	6.2	
81	70	Pnflwr Hldgs	70			
263	98	Sandy Farm'e	263	+ 31	1.6	
42	18	Sinss Food	33		11.4	11.0
498	451	Tilda & Lglef	452	- 3	4.5	9.4
388	312	Tnnah	374		1.9	15.8
1377	1172½	Unilever	1311½	+ 8	3.1	14.1
9650	8575	Unilever (NV)	8871½	+ 125	2.6	
274	217½	Utd Biscuits†	218	- 2	5.6	
34	29	WT Foods	29		10.8	16.8
92	72	Yorkshire Food	79		6.1	

HEALTHCARE

1071	818	Amersham	993	- 2	2.1	21.3
83	47	Anagen	68			
165	120	Arcric Hanry	141			15.5
449	315	Bespak	438		3.1	18.6
540½	395½	Bioscience Int	405		0.5	37.0
100	74	Care UK	97	- 2	1.0	22.1
131	102	Celsis	113			
262½	243	Community H	262		3.3	14.8
31	24½	Crossbow	30		3.7	
35	17	Emtronics	30			13.5
115	68	Fermes Group	115		2.7	16.7
126	111	Goldshnrough	121		4.0	10.1
11½	8½	Greenacre©	11½			
946	773	Huntigh Tec©	936	+ 5	1.1	32.0
78	57	Intersurgic Gp	68	- 1	6.4	14.4
310	283	Isotron	308		2.2	16.3
135½	88	Life S

Craftsman carves way to £3,000 award

BY RODNEY HOBSON

A FURNITURE-maker from Wales will today be given £3,000 to fund eight weeks working with leading craftsmen in Slovakia. Tim Wade, of Builth Wells, Powys, is one of eight winners of Queen Elizabeth scholarships.

Mr Wade, 39, has run his own furniture-making business for 15 years. The scholarships are awarded for projects that will develop skills in a craft or trade, and can range up to £12,000. The award is intended to cover the cost of a particular project.

The youngest winners are 21. Rachel Foster, a bakery student of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, will attend two courses in Lucerne, Switzerland, while Rupert Atkinson, a portrait painter from Burghfield, near Reading, will spend a year at Florence Academy of Art. The oldest is Peter Norrington, 53, a north London saddler, who will learn how to make western-style saddles in the US.

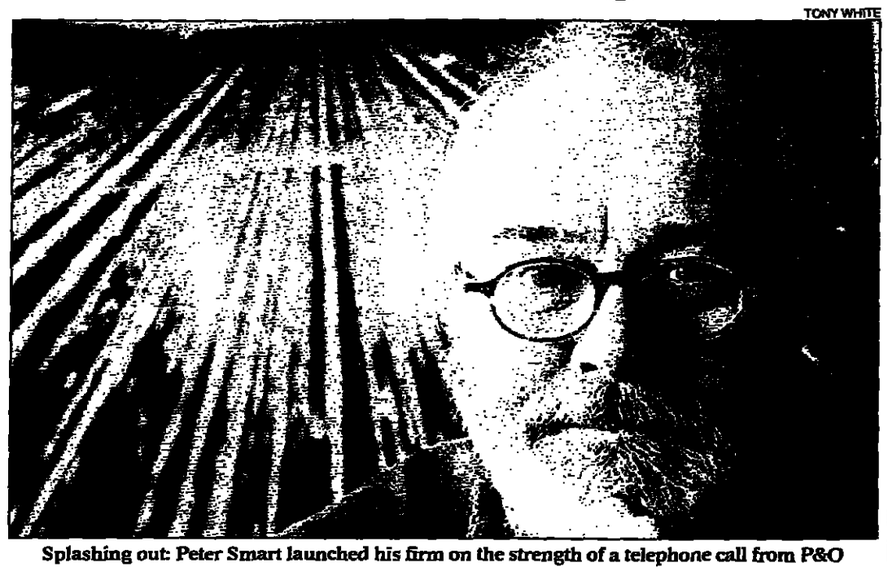
Other winners are Lee Collins, a farrier, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire; Richard Drayton, carpenter, of Poole, Dorset; Rebecca Hellen, a paintings conservator in London; and Bex Marriott, who helped to set up a bookbinding business in Lewes, Sussex.

Application forms for 1997 scholarships will be available in October from The Royal Warrant Holders Association, 7 Buckingham Gate, London SW1 6JY.

Work flows in for engineer

Harry Andrews meets a designer making his mark in the world of ships' waterfalls

TONY WHITE



Splashing out: Peter Smart launched his firm on the strength of a telephone call from P&O

When P&O launched *Oriana*, its luxury cruise liner, a year ago, it also launched a five-man business on to the world stage. Watermark Hydrodynamics designed and installed the 50ft waterfall aboard the 67,000-ton flagship.

"It was our first commission," said Peter Smart, 53, Watermark's founder and managing director. "Every story written about *Oriana* mentioned her waterfall and how it splashed its way through four decks of the atrium. Now everyone wants one — our business projection for the next 12 months is as impressive as *Oriana*. We're working on three more ships' waterfalls — one American, two Italian and possibly a cruise liner to be launched by Japan."

Mr Smart, who operates from an office in Rochester, Kent, is an aeronautical engineer by profession. He switched into the arts and design world and while working for a design company took a call from Stephen Booy in P&O's Newbuild department, asking for a waterfall for *Oriana*. The design company's directors were not enthusiastic. It had never been done before and they were reluctant to invest in a prototype. Mr Smart resigned and set up his own business.

"The chance to be involved in a world first was too good to miss," he said. "You must have the courage of your convictions. Watermark was born. I invested time and £4,500. The *Oriana* contract was worth £120,000 in cash — but an ocean of publicity."

The waterfall was the idea of Robert Tillberg, the Swedish ship architect. P&O specified that it had to work in all winds and weather. "We were in uncharted territory," said Mr Smart. " I built the prototype in *Canberra's* engine-room. All very secret: we didn't want anyone to know what was going on."

The Japanese were the first to notice that *Oriana* had something different. They had to have a waterfall for *Crystal Symphony*, their cruise liner. Then came the Americans, wanting one, possibly more, and the Italians.

Mr Smart is staggered at the way the thing has taken off. "We designed some of the water features at the new Legoland theme park at Windsor worth £210,000, a Magna Carta commemorative fountain at Runnymede (£11,000), and a landscaped water garden at Harry Ramsden's fish restaurant in Cardiff (£38,000)."

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Accountants offer help on financial control

BY BRIAN COLLETT

A FREE service that could sharpen up small businesses and improve their relationships with their banks will be introduced this month by the UK 200 Group, a body of chartered accountants that together act for 135,000 clients.

It will be a risk-management service, under which UK 200 members will advise a company on financial control and offer a similar consultation service to its bank.

David Turnbull, chief executive, said: "Small and medium-sized enterprises are not the flavour of the month because the banks lost money through failures in the recession. The banks' concerns are justified because some businesses lack even simple financial controls."

The group completed a trial before organising the service. During it, a bank asked the group to assess a sportswear manufacturer and wholesaler that wanted a £50,000 loan. Accountants found the company had obsolete goods valued at £50,000 and recommended a more realistic valuation in the accounts to reduce corporation tax considerably. The goods were eventually sold for £7,500.

The accountants then found that the company invoiced customers once a month, even though it sent out £30,000 worth of goods every week. Mr Turnbull said: "We told this businessman that if he invoiced every day he would get his cash dramatically sooner."

With these proposals, the company returned to the bank, which approved the loan.

The scheme is also a business generator for UK 200 accountants. The group believes companies that are not clients of members will switch after using the service.

The group is preparing a financial management certificate, for which small businesses with annual turnovers up to £5 million could apply. The certificate would show that a business had an understanding of banking, taxation, credit control and stock management.

Mr Turnbull said that only the "bare bones" were on the table so far, but the group is to discuss the scheme with Department of Trade and Industry officials and hopes to get accreditation for it.



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Fat tribute to master of the bare essential

Richard Cork reviews Edinburgh's superb Alberto Giacometti retrospective

The etiolated figures presiding over the superb Giacometti retrospective at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, the most comprehensive British survey of his achievement for 30 years, first appeared in the late 1940s when the Swiss-born artist was already middle-aged. Erect, stoical and alarmingly anorexic, they are the images which furnish Alberto Giacometti's art with its central identity.

But the Edinburgh exhibition discloses that the origins of his obsession can be traced as far back as his early years in the tiny village of Stampa, his childhood home. Giacometti's father Giovanni, a distinguished artist in his own right, continually asked his children to pose for him: he did not prevent his young models from moving around. Giacometti, however, had sterner expectations. His youngest brother Bruno dreaded the days when he had to pose for the 15-year-old Alberto. "As soon as he found himself in front of a model, he became a kind of tyrant," Bruno recalled. "You weren't allowed to move an inch."

The adolescent drawings at the start of this show do not, of course, possess the intensity of Giacometti's later work. But in their clear-eyed gravity, and preference for a sober frontal pose, they do prophesy the portraits he would produce in his ramshackle Paris studio 30 years later. For the older Giacometti made even more exhausting demands on his models. He expected them to sit, motionless, for hours at a time, while he incessantly repainted their features.

By then, Giacometti had committed himself to the steady, arduous exploration of observable form. This preoccupation would remain constant until he died, but his earlier Paris years were devoted to very different ways of working. Although the links between the Stampa period and his late years may seem evident now, Giacometti turned against the art of his youth soon after moving to Paris in 1922. He subsequently claimed that a defining moment in his life had occurred during a tour of the Tyrol and Veneto area the year before. His Dutch companion, Peter van Meurs, died suddenly on the second night of their journey. And Giacometti, shocked by this stark confrontation with mortality, became obsessed by death.

He certainly looks sombre enough in a diligent 1923 self-portrait. Now the pupil of Bourdelle, widely regarded as Rodin's most impressive successor, Giacometti appears the epitome of a hard-working student. Despite his conscientious air, though, he soon began to entertain subversive ideas. As if bent on breaking away from the influence of his father, who was wedded to a neo-Impressionist idiom, he explored the possibilities of Cubism.

Jettisoning careful scrutiny of the posed model, he turned instead to surprisingly sturdy structures in *Composition (Man and Woman)*. For a moment, he looked like the heir of Lipchitz and Laurens, who had pioneered Cubist sculpture at its most compact in the pre-1920 period. But he also allowed Mexican art to inspire his "primitive" bronze called *The Couple*, while an outstanding *Spoon Woman* possibly owes a debt to the grain spoons carved by the Dan tribe of Western Africa. By placing so much emphasis on hollowed-out form in *Spoon Woman*, Giacometti showed an awakening interest in robbing figures of their substance. As yet, there is no real inkling of his later fascination with thinness.

Instead, sexuality becomes violent in the bayonet-like thrust of the phallus in *Man and Woman*. Giacometti soon found himself attracted to the disturbing ideas of Surrealism, and mordant humour emerges in the title of *Disagreeable Object, to be Thrown Away*. Here a horn-shaped form again suggests a fusion of eroticism and aggression. By this time, he later explained, "it was no longer the exterior form of things that interested me but rather what I felt in my own life".

At the same period, though, his sculpture reached a peak of convulsive horror in *Woman with her Throat Cut*. The splayed legs suggest that she was raped before the V-shaped neck wound ended her life. Possibly inspired by Jack the Ripper stories, it is by far the most unnerving of all Giacometti's images. But the sense of disgust affecting his jagged handling of the violated body did not last long. *Walking Woman*, likewise made in 1932, is a sublime and tender figure whose slim elongation does anticipate his post-1945 sculpture.

In 1939 his brother Bruno, now a prominent architect, invited him to display a sculpture in the middle of a pavilion at an important Zurich exhibition. Rather than producing a monumental bronze, Giacometti arrived with a sculpture no more than a few centimetres in height. Smallness persisted during the war years; and when he finally managed to work in larger dimensions, the figures became distressingly thin. It is as if Giacometti, in his determination to push towards the heart of his singular art, purged his images of everything except their emaciated essence.

To judge by the Edinburgh exhibits, 1947 was his annus mirabilis. *Standing Woman (Leoni)*, with rigid arms culminating in hands that clutch her thighs for support, stands to attention. She is verging on the skeletal, and resembles a victim barely able to sustain her existence after the suffering of war. But her stiffness implies resilience as well, and Giacometti's male figures of 1947 undoubtedly have the capacity to survive.

With these marvellously expressive and haunting figures, Giacometti had likewise found a way forward. The rest of the survey shows how he refined and extended the discoveries of 1947, bringing together several figures without alleviating their innate isolation and experimenting, at times, with poses as exclamatory as *Man Falling*. Whether walking in a transparent box between houses or stranded high above the wheels of an archaic chariot, these frail yet obstinate presences are perhaps the most haunting human images in postwar European art.

● Alberto Giacometti *is at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh (0131-556 8921) until Sept 22*



Among the most haunting images in postwar European art: Giacometti's *Woman of Venice III*, bronze, 1956

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Balraj Khanna's *Out of the Blue* (1987): a playful, distinctive Surrealism that is joyous and uplifting

Balraj Khanna's paintings have been likened to those of Klee and Miró. But Khanna's playful Surrealism is immediately recognisable as his own, joyous and uplifting whether on the walls of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, or the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill, East Sussex, where an exhibition of his latest work has launched the rescue of this forgotten 1935 people's palace as the arts centre of the South Coast.

Khanna has a great affinity with this coast. He grew up in the Punjab, and Brighton was the first beach he ever saw. His painting of it in 1992, 30 years later, shimmers with sky, sea and sand merging into one, populated with exuberant, primeval motifs and fish-like, bird-like and semi-human forms floating and spinning across the canvas.

The surfaces of saturated colour are achieved by spraying paint in layers over a canvas covered with sand, and glued with string and cut-out shapes. Khanna's symbols represent his own lyrical world, his stuff of dreams, developed after he came to London in 1962 and taught himself to paint.

His pictorial language is based on childhood memories. But that did not mean painting fisherwomen on the Malabar Coast or tigers and elephants in the jungle of Mysore, as, says Khanna, Indian artists at home were expected to do. He opted for modernism, only to find that London dealers in the Sixties also thought this exclusively a "white man's art."

When he finally persuaded a Mayfair dealer "just to look" at one of his pictures, the dealer was "too busy" to be disturbed, and Khanna, realising he was about to miss his date with "a beautiful young Frenchwoman," sadly ditched the masterwork in the Grand Union Canal.

However, the woman became his wife, he continued to paint, and became chairman of the Indian Arts Council in Britain and a novelist as well. His pictures are now in major collections worldwide. *Lake in Winter* is one of many paintings of his favourite pond on Hampstead Heath. He says: "Initially I was quite surprised to see all the roads in London were tarmac or paved. I had to go to the park to feel the earth beneath my feet and re-establish contact with nature."

A recent holiday in Greece reminded Khanna of earlier summers, which were extremely fierce, the earth parched, the countryside "like a tandoor," people, animals and birds wilting and dying. At last when the clouds start building the mood changes in anticipation of the imminent monsoon and, as portrayed in his painting *It's coming, it's coming. . .*, there is a great celebration of life.

The places that Khanna knew best, such as Simla, were like small English towns "transported to the Himalayan heights". His memories are of brightly coloured toys and kites, and of local folk traditions. Regular visitors included the travelling *jadugar* or *madari wala*, magician or juggler, whose various entourages brought an exotic aura to Khanna's surroundings, just as at the turn of the century travelling circuses captivated the young Léger.

The Jadugar, as one picture is entitled, has become a particular feature of Khanna's current work. The magician also appears as *The Lion Man*, because as any Punjab child knows, a *jadugar* can transform himself into an animal simply by dressing the part. Disbelief is suspended in glee. But then, says Khanna: "An artist must delight himself before he can expect to delight anyone else."

● Balraj Khanna. *De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill-on-Sea (01424 212023), until Thursday*

Prunella Clough's paintings still wrongfoot viewers

Canvas with discretion

Prunella Clough has been painting for decades, *Sacha Craddock writes*. The exhibition at Camden Arts Centre provides a welcome opportunity to take a fresh look at her work, and to introduce it to another generation. Clough is now in her seventies: still vigorous, rigorous and adventurous, she was finishing the final paintings in this show right up to the last minute before they left for the gallery.

Clough was given a retrospective at the Whitechapel Gallery as long ago as 1960, which consisted of more than 60 paintings (they were much smaller then) from a more obviously figurative period. Despite the accolades she has received at key points in her long career, Clough's work remains a sort of open secret: much revered by her fellow painters; enthusiastically followed by some collectors, largely overlooked by others.

There are several possible reasons for this. Her work is discreet, slightly apart, unclamouring, which does not mean that it is in any way gentle or shrinking in demeanour. Like many women of her background and upbringing she does not believe in seeking attention but has maintained instead a dignified anti-biographical stance. She is loath to explain her own work, firmly believing that art must speak for itself. The voices she uses are both varied and distinctive.

The main light-washed white gallery at Camden is full of paintings covering a period from the late 1970s through to last month. Each is quite different from the others, which is neither as obvious nor as usual as it may seem. They are not abstract as such, in that somewhere in each of them Clough deploys an image from life, yet the purpose of the imagery is not illustration or narrative. Clough is fascinated with some of the insignificant objects that litter everyday life: there are suggestions of toys, tin trays and tables, drawn over and over, distributed over the canvases in a peculiarly unpictorial and even deliberately unpleasing manner. The result is a playful wrongfooting of the viewer that becomes apparent when a number of Cloughs are seen together.

The paint is thin, the drawing graphic, almost printed, in quality. The surfaces are built up using a multitude of methods. Clough prints, stamps, collages, shifts and transfers from one painting to another. Each painting is made up of an image that seems to have floated in from elsewhere on to a shallow ground. The colour, too, is unusual: graphic monochrome: fine black outline; light-on-dark; sparkling, multicoloured broken areas held within muted grounds — none of this comes straight from the tube.

Instead of painting with virtuoso ease, Clough deliberately sets herself visual and conceptual problems. In doing so, she produces paintings of quality and intelligence that remain strikingly contemporary in their needs and understanding.

● Prunella Clough *at Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (0171-435 2643) until June 30*

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

IT TAKES time for the lines of tentative broken detail to surface and emerge from the dirty white or beige blur in Simon Callery's work. Callery scrapes painted trails, moving up, down and across the surface. Colour is faint — vague brown, red or grey washes make up a tone that looks natural, or at least as if it has been arrived at naturally. Fine focus and complete generality engage in a constant tussle for attention. From far away the effect is of a worn and used surface built up through attention and labour, while from close up the detail appears as relaxed as trickled wet sand that has settled. These are adamantly undramatic paintings that nevertheless convey a strong sense of independent purpose.
Simon Callery at Anthony Wilkinson Fine Art, 3-4 Mallow Street London EC1 (0171-831 4269) until June 22

☐ JOHN WILKINS has been drawing a particular sausage shape over his canvases for years. Obsession can introduce an element of tension into an artist's work but in this case there is none. Yet, strangely enough, such an attitude or method does not betray a lack of purpose or preclude possible development. The recurrent cartoon shape, lightly drawn and deliberately meaningless, appears nonchalant, detached and skittish. In the case of *Floating Gently*, the simple shapes seem to fall like a series of bombs from the body of an aircraft. The black background gives the impression of depth, of photographic emulsion ploughed up with skidded traces, like the pockmarked face of the moon after the spacecraft has departed.
John Wilkins, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 5 Dering Street London W1R (0171-491 0621) until June 22

☐ THREE large paintings by Chris Ofili use a combination of paint, collage, resin and elephant dung to make fine decorative constructions. The pictures look like a cross between 1970s soul album covers, African painting, Catholic icons and furnishing fabric. Tiny beads of paint build up filigree and winged sections in *The Holy Virgin Mary*; a mountain of raiment is made up of details cut from pornographic magazines held behind translucent layers of resin. Ofili punctuates the precariously balanced surface image with elephant dung, also fixed with resin. He uses images that are highly obvious, writing the names of black heroes while juggling a plethora of imagery in order to build a visual whole. It is a virtuoso act.
Chris Ofili at Victoria Miro Gallery, 21 Cork Street, London W1 (0171-734 5082) until June 21

☐ SLABS, metal hooks and a washed-down floor in the interior of Smithfield meat market have been photographed by Catherine Yass to make an intimate group of backlit transparencies currently on show at Laure Genillard. Each picture has an air of overblown intensity about it. Blue burn-out flares up within the image, heightening the impact. The only corpse in any of the pictures — that of a rabbit or hare — bears more relation to still-life painting than to photographic documentation.
Catherine Yass at Laure Genillard Gallery, 38a Foley Street, London W1 (0171-436 2300) until June 22

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Habanera in Holland Park: Bizet's *Carmen* goes *al fresco*

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Trevor Griffiths directs his latest play, *Who Shall Be Happy . . ?*

VENUE: Now in preview at the Bush Theatre

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CHOICE 3

Carol Kidd launches a lively week at the Dundee Jazz Festival

VENUE: From tonight at the Dundee Rep



THEATRE

An absorbing tale of mourning is told in *Road Movie* at the Lyric, Hammersmith

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

Fanny Price who has such a hard time in *Jane Austen's* **Mansfield Park**. Adapted by Willis Hall and directed by Michael Rudman
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (01243 781312) Opens tonight, 7.30pm Then in rep with Ustinov's *Beethoven's Tenth*.

EXETER: The Northcott Theatre Company presents the first show of the new season **Single Spies** is a sparkling comic double bill of one-act plays by Alan Bennett: *An Englishman Abroad* is directed by Charlotte Conquest, with John Dumin directing *A Question of Attribution*
Northcott, Stocker Road, Exeter (0392 54853) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm

NEWCASTLE: **Scottish Opera** offers a feast of operatic favourites, including Verdi's *La traviata*, sung in Italian (tonight, Thursday and Saturday) and *Alceste* by Gluck, sung in French (Wednesday). Puccini's *Turandot*, sung in Italian (Friday) completes the menu. All with English surtitles
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street (0191-232 2061) Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm Next in Edinburgh, Festival (0131-529 6000), from June 13

DUNDEE: The **Dundee Jazz Festival** opens this evening with Carol Kidd and guests Suzanne Bonnar and Fionna Duncan in concert. The Scottish National Jazz Orchestra, led by the saxophonist Tommy Smith, makes its festival debut on Thursday, with Otis Grand and the Big Blues Band making a return visit the next day. The festival closes on Friday with a performance by the legendary South African Abdullah Ibrahim.
Rep, Tay Square (01382 223530 — for further details) Tonight-Sat. (S)

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CARMEN: European Chamber Opera's production of Bizet's tragic love story opens the year's Holland Park Theatre season. Directed by Terry John Bates and conducted by David Gibson and Andrea Quinn (June 13, 14, 15); sung in French. Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* opens from June 18, followed on June 25 by *Il trovatore*
Holland Park, W8 (0171-602 7856). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; June 11-15, 7.30pm; mats June 8 and 15, 2.30pm.

CLAUSTROPHOBIA: Lev Dodin's new production for the thrilling Maly Theatre of St Petersburg, inspired by the company's feelings on returning to Russia, the country is vast but everyone feels locked in.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

WHO SHALL BE HAPPY . . ?: Trevor Griffiths directs his new play for Belfast-based Mad Cow Productions: a two-hander for Stanley Townsend and Kulvinder Ghir as imprisoned French Revolutionary Danton and his guard, awaiting the result of his trial.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens June 6, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: Tony Britton and Liza Goddard play Sir Thomas and Lady Bertram, and Lucy Scott plays poor

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Derek Jarman, Artist, Film-Maker, Designer (0171-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: David Le Marchand, ivory carvings (0171-636 1555) . **Brunei Gallery**: Ottoman Art (0171-637 2388) . . **Cello Gallery**: Andy Wate: watercolours (0171-435 6660) **Matthiesen Gallery**: Gold Backs 1270-1470 (0171-930 2437) . . . **National Gallery**: Degas: Beyond Impressionism (0171-747 2885) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Room in View (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy**: Gustave Caillebotte (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate**: Froehich Foundation Collection; Marlene Dumas (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: William Morris: The Pre-Raphaelites and Early British Photography (0171-938 8500) . **Whitechapel**: Renato Guttuso (0171-522 7888)

LONDON FRINGE THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** rounds up some unusually morbid suspects

The dead – and Diana Quick

MARILYN KINGWILL



Adam Ant, Sylvester McCoy and Aimi MacDonald in Joe Orton's "boringly careless" *Funeral Games* at the Drill Hall

Death is cropping up everywhere. In Arthur Schnitzler's **Fair Game**, at the New End in Hampstead, where Moving Theatre is presenting a season of Schnitzler's works, a fledgeling romance is terminated by a rival's bullet.

Purity and corruption become entangled in decadent turn-of-the-century Austria, a schizophrenically rule-breaking and rigid society. Anna, an actress, suffers for stubbornly refusing to prostitute herself. Paul, her sweetheart, is shot down for rejecting the duelling code upheld by the unstable Lieutenant Karinski. Unfortunately, the acting is uneven and, while *fin de siècle* moral confusions might be pertinent, archaic codes of honour leave one cold.

Meanwhile, at the Drill Hall, the Steam Industry has excavated **Funeral Games**, Joe Orton's comedy about flagrantly suspect men of the cloth and dead wives in cellars. Director Phil Willmott stages what was originally a screenplay with heaps of spoof-Broadway and doo-wop numbers. The chorus line turns out to be British bobbies in helmets, bovver boots and flouncy fuchsia skirts. Their downbeat camp routines are irresistibly amusing, but this police presence seems increasingly pointless.

Willmott has also dug up Adam Ant as a star attraction. He plays the thuggish sleuth hired by Pringle (drag queen Bette Bourne, unfrocked to play the jealous husband). Caulfield's job is to investigate MacCorquodale, the bed-ridden widower (Sylvester McCoy) now slavering over his nurse, Pringle's wife (Aimi MacDonald acting the dumb blonde *con brio*).

Lamentably, Ant merely hangs around, forgetting his lines. On one occasion McCoy, the supposedly senile character, was driven, after several excruciating minutes of silence, to jog his inquisitor's memory, suggesting the next dark secret about which he might be grilled. Bourne is suave, with swooping tones.

The show starts with promising style and humour. Pringle's living room is crankily reconstructed by the boys in blue. An officer impersonates the mantelpiece, displaying a clock on a tray and providing his own plodding tick-tock. But Orton's script becomes boringly careless and the production runs out of steam. After the Cromwell Street murders, the sight of characters larking about with bits of a decomposing woman failed to make me laugh: I suppose this new topicality drives home how Orton really was pushing the bounds of sick humour.

Far more searching is Diane Samuels's award-winning **Kindertransport**, revived by Abigail Morris at the Palace, Watford. This play explores the extermination of the Jews by focusing on a survivor who never saw the camps. The past surfaces in the present, up in a quietly morbid attic, with trunks stacked between a chimney and skeletal rafters (design by Tom Piper).

Briskly dusting off household items she does not want any more, Diana Quick's Evelyn passes them on to her daughter, Faith, who is leaving home. Then in flashback we see Evelyn as a little girl, dispatched by her mother on a train to England, taken in by the hearty Lil but bitterly pained when her interned parents fail to join her as promised. To cope, she virtually annihilates her childhood self. Anglicising her name, rejecting her religion, Evelyn has told her explosive daughter nothing of her history.

Quick presents a self-contained, consummately British exterior with terrors and anger under wraps. Jean Boht's Lil is funny, endearing and mildly condemnable, encouraging her adopted child to shrug off her past. The other performances tend to be perfunctory. The slide projections are muddy. Samuels's script has underdeveloped and overwritten passages, but intriguingly scrutinises the subtleties of anti-Semitism and the struggles of mothers and daughters.

At the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith, Mark Pinkosh of *Starving Artists* impressively animates Godfrey Hamilton's monologue. In **Road Movie**, a gay man mourns and, in remembering, resurrects his lover, who has died of Aids.

In a charged, tightly choreographed performance (a bit heavy on the serpentine gesticulations), Pinkosh drives from coast to coast with only a wooden chair in a black space as props. Moving simply between squares and circles of light, he metamorphoses into his lover or a lonely Colorado widow. Hamilton's script has sentimental and purple patches, but tells its story absorbingly.

Little night musics

OPERA

Zaïde
Freemasons' Hall

MOZART'S little unfinished opera *Zaïde* is, like all rarities, archetypal festival fare. But this fascinating fragment presents more problems than most, and Ian Burton's version (originally for the Opera Theatre Company, Dublin and the Musiektheater Transparant, Antwerp), proved an only shaky curtain-raiser for the Covent Garden Festival.

Imagine a sketch for *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*: an exotic escape opera, but with the action suspended at the crucial moment, as if the ladder had been whipped away from the harem wall in Mozart's later opera, and the lights went up. *Zaïde* "ends" with the three prisoners confronting the implacable Sultan, pleading for freedom or death.

Italo Calvino (Batignano and London) and Hans Magnus Enzensberger (Berlin) have both provided enchanting and enigmatic literary links and envois on which to thread the work's 15 vocal numbers and short cues. Both writers have realised that, just as Mozart's score is important for its promise, so *Zaïde*'s drama is to be cherished in its eternal unknown. But Luc De Wit, directing his own adaptation of Ian Burton's production, has turned a magically tantalising fragment into a clumsy morality.

As if the English translation were not inept enough, extra lines are added to give the nasty Soliman (a snarling tenor John Bowen) a quick change of heart, and allow him to beg to be taught mercy, sweetness and light by the prisoner Allazim (trusty bass Russell Smythe) who has already offered his own life in the lovers' place. Soliman then sets them all free and there we are, happy ever after. It is all as black and white as the convict-chic of designer Thorunn Jonsdottir's costumes.

The music, though, tells us otherwise, and the Academy of Ancient Music, conducted by Paul Goodwin, ensured that there was at least enchantment for the ear. Anne Cambier's Zaïde, a fresh soprano with a downy bloom, was nicely matched to the period instruments. As the lovers, she and Iain Paton (Gomatz) gave some brief glimpse of the wonderful mystery-web of relationships which continues to live in the eternal, unwritten future of this opera.

In order, no doubt, to bring some theatrical flair to the evening, the performance was preceded by Andrew Sharp's inevitably updated production of Mozart's little one-acter, *The Impresario*, with Judith Howarth and Elizabeth Vidal formidable of voice and couture as the two sparring divas, and Peter Evans as the eponymous mobile-phoning, e-mailing wide boy.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS**: Dennis Potter's poignant drama of wartime childhood: this production's comedy overbalances the frail structure
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 8pm. mat Thurs, 3pm In rep. (S)

☐ **CHAPTER TWO**: Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS**: The New Shakespeare Company's season opens with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mix-up. With Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431) Eves, 8pm; mats Wed (from June 5) 2.30pm Mats later in the season on Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DAMES AT SEA**: Kim Criswell, Sara Crowe, Peter Duncan in the first of two musicals in the BOC Covent Garden Festival: a comedy musical in the style of the 1930s, music by Jim Wise
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-312 1998) Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm Until June 8

☐ **ELVIS**: Spirited revival of the 20-year-old tribute show; P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

◪ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**: Josie Lawrence and Michael Siberry two of the few good things in this peculiar, OTT production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. In rep. (S)

☐ **TAP DOGS**: Dein Perry's sextet of dancers in working-boots returns to its building-site set. High energy stuff.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm

☐ **WHAT NOW, LITTLE MAN?**: Hans Fallada's chronicle of a family struggling in Berlin just before Hitler's take-over. Interesting but short of excitement.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mat Sat 2.30pm Until June 22.

☐ **FUNERAL GAMES**: Amazing cast for Phil Willmott's revival of Joe Orton's jet-black comedy, set in the HQ of a weird religious sect: Adam Ant, Bette Bourne, Sylvester McCoy, Aimi Macdonald
Drill Hall, Charles St, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until June 22

☐ **ON THE BOULEVARD**: Ballerina, singer, actress and Tony Award winner Liliane Montevecchi performs a selection of American musical numbers (Porter, Sondheim, Jerry Herman) in a show staged by Tommy Tune.
Jermyn Street, 16b Jermyn St, SW1 (0171-287 2875) Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 4pm. (Also Sun June 9, 7.30pm; extra mat Thurs June 20, 4pm) Until June 23

☐ **SYLVIA**: Zoë Wanamaker plays a dog beloved by Robin Ellis, disliked by Maria Aitken, and written with an ear for cuteness by A.R. Gurney. For dogloversonly.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Fri 8pm, mat Thurs 3pm. Sat 5pm and 8.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ◪ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 9800) . ☐ **Communicating Doors**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) ◪ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

FARGO (18): A kidnapping goes haywire in the Midwest. Wonderful, humane crime thriller from Joel and Ethan Coen, with Frances McDormand and William H. Macy.
Barbican (S) (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** (S) (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Trocadero** (S) (0171-434 0031) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (S) (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FROM DUSK TILL DAWN** (18): Fleeing gangsters face a new danger: vampires. Juvenile romp from director Robert Rodriguez and writer/actor Quentin Tarantino. With George Clooney and Harvey Keitel.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (0171-792 3332)

MY LIFE AND TIMES WITH ANTONIN ARTAUD: Absorbing portrait of the theatrical visionary's last years in postwar Paris. With Sami Frey. Director, Gérard Mordillat
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

CURRENT

◆ **EXECUTIVE DECISION** (15): Good, silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt Russell, Halle Berry, and a consignment of nerve gas
MGMs Fulham Road (S) (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MR HOLLAND'S OPUS** (PG): Thirty years of a music teacher's life. Well-meaning piffle, with Richard Dreyfuss. Director, Stephen Herek.
MGM Fulham Road (S) (0171-370 2636) **NFT** (0171-928 3232) (S) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (U): Kermit and Miss Piggy invade Stevenson's classic. Jolly addition to the Muppet movie saga, with Tim Curry. Director, Brian Henson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (S) (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **IL POSTINO** (U): Michael Radford's heartwarming delight about a simple man opening his eyes to poetry. Wonderful performance by the late Massimo Troisi.
MGMs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18): Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious murder case. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (S) (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (S) (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (S) (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (0171-792 3332)

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen. Director, Richard Loncraine.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

SECRETS & LIES (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
Barbican (S) (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

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Bang the drum, or sound an alarm?



YOU may not have noticed, but a month-long National Music Festival has just started. Backed by the Government, the Arts Council and the music business, it boasts more than 2,300 events during June. They range from a giant Hyde Park concert on June 29, by some of the biggest (and oldest) names in rock, to the Verdi Festival at Covent Garden, and from slick professional gigs to concerts by local choirs.

Supporters of the festival — led by its chairman, the pop promoter Harvey Goldsmith — claim that Britain at last has a proper showcase for its musical glories. Sceptics reply that most of the festival's performances would have happened anyway, and that the festival's complacent celebratory atmosphere is concealing a widespread anxiety about music-making in Britain.

Who is right? *Richard Morrison* presents two highly contrasting views of current British musical life, and (below) we invite your contributions to our *Times* Music Debate

A TIME FOR CHEERS AND FANFARES

As the ebullient Harvey Goldsmith says: "Four years ago, when we started the National Music Days, music was at a low ebb in Britain. The press had lost interest, there were no good British bands around, and we were in recession. Now, everyone's interested in British music again."

British pop has certainly regained its flair after a grisly period in which the nihilistic influence of dreary grunge seemed to warp every creative spirit. Good songs, often peppered with wry social ironies, are prevalent. What's more, the new compositional confidence is mirrored in the classical field, where a clutch of youngish composers are pouring out music of great passion.

Despite all the scares of the recession, our orchestras and opera companies have survived. On shoestring budgets they still knock spots off many plushly subsidised continental rivals when it comes to versatility and panache. And in Andrew Davis, Simon Rattle, Colin Davis, John Eliot Gardiner, Paul Daniel and Mark Elder we have conductors who are the envy of the world.

The Wigmore Hall provides London with a magnificent parade of chamber music. Radio 3, despite the whinges of Gerald Kaufman and crew, has fought off the BBC's philistine wing and maintained a music output of unsurpassed depth, while Classic FM has introduced thousands of new listeners to classic pleasures. And after years in the musical doldrums such venerable festivals as Edinburgh and Cheltenham are again displaying real imagination.

Our youth orchestras, bands and choirs consistently dazzle with their high standards. Our superb brass bands have confounded the pessimists by outliving the traditional industries of mill and pit which supported them for decades. And the British choral scene is more richly varied than ever: to the austere perfection of the famous Oxbridge ensembles and the thunderous impact of the big choral societies has now been added superb gospel choirs and barbershop groups.

Birmingham has acquired one of the world's finest concert halls. Liverpool's refurbished Philharmonic Hall is a delight. Manchester inaugurates its new Bridgewater Hall in September. Covent Garden is to be fabulously refurbished. And the lottery has also ensured that hundreds of ensembles, schools and colleges can upgrade their instruments and premises. The post-war renaissance in British musical life seems likely to mature into a golden age in the early 21st century.

THE TIMES MUSIC DEBATE

To coincide with the National Music Festival, *The Times* will publish a wide cross-section of observations about present-day musical life in Britain. Whether you are a professional or amateur, into "pop" or "classical", a performer, teacher, student or simply a music-lover, send us your observations. On Wednesday June 19 we shall print a representative sample of views. Write to: The Times Music Debate, Arts Page, The Times, Pennington Street, London E1 9XN

. . . OR GLOOMY TALES OF AIRS ON A SHOESTRING

Strip away the hype and you find that Britpop as a globally significant entity is really about just one band: Oasis. And the sad fact is that when Harvey Goldsmith wanted to be sure of flogging £1.2 million of tickets for the Hyde Park concert, he turned not to those heroes-come-lately, but to dinosaurs from half a lifetime ago: Clapton, Dylan, The Who.

"If you are organising a big charity concert, you can't gamble," he says. Translation: get real; this isn't 1969, and Oasis aren't the Stones. Britpop may achieve the occasional blip in the international charts, but the future of pop as a global phenomenon lies almost wholly with American performers using Japanese equipment.

Wherever it comes from, though, pop's inability to shake off its apparently symbiotic relationship with drug culture casts a large shadow over the supposedly "responsible" music industry. While pop musicians glamorise drugs by word, song and deed, youngsters will continue to die in nightclubs.

Meanwhile, the audience for classical concerts grows older and smaller. Certain much-promoted recordings (Gorecki's Third Symphony, for instance) achieve huge sales, and Classic FM's success reveals the extent of the public's appetite for tuneful classics. But the converts are not buying tickets for concerts.

Moreover, there is still a huge suspicion of "difficult modern music". Twenty years after Britten's death, there is no sign of another composer who can write contemporary operas that stand alongside *Tosca* and *La traviata* in the standard repertoire.

Our orchestras and opera houses are, almost without exception, running on vast deficits. The lottery may pay for spanking new halls and theatres, but it has done nothing to improve the tiny subsidies (compared with the rest of Europe) that our performers receive. There are far fewer concerts and new opera productions than there were ten years ago. Top performers are bypassing Britain. Unemployment among first-class musicians is at an all-time high. And ticket prices are far higher than they should be if classical music is to shed its "rich middle-class" image.

The saddest aspect of the musical scene, however, is that despite government pledges no lottery money has yet been diverted to the vital matter of music education. While the Arts Council, the Heritage Department and the Education Department pass the buck, several generations of state-school pupils have grown up believing music to be an impenetrable foreign language.

Many orchestras and opera companies, backed by enlightened charities such as the Hamlyn Foundation, are making determined efforts to woo younger listeners. But they can only make a small difference. What's needed is a national campaign. We still produce wonderful young performers — but increasingly it is only children from middle-class families who can afford instruments and tuition.

That is what rings hollow about a national festival celebrating our music-making. Our musical life could be so much better.

CONCERTS: An orchestra revived in London; uplifting pop in Dublin

Playing up the future

RPO/Gatti
Barbican

IT WAS only a month or two ago that morale at the Royal Philharmonic seemed at an all-time low. Managers, music directors and players were leaving in droves, and musical standards plummeted accordingly. It may be premature to sound the all-clear, but Thursday night's concert at the Barbican gave cause to hope for a brighter future.

Daniele Gatti is still only music director-designate, but he has wrought a profound change. The ranks of the strings have been reorganised, with more skilled players finding themselves promoted to the front desks, and there is a new discipline, an alertness that was unmistakable from even the opening chords of Schubert's *Rosamunde* overture. Gatti has put a spring in their step, and the dance rhythms positively bounced along.

The probing performance of the *Unfinished Symphony* that followed was all the more remarkable for the fact that it had not been in the original programme. Before succumbing to illness during the day, Amanda Roocroft was due to have sung Beethoven's scena *Ah! perfido*, and the orchestra was still preparing the substituted symphony shortly before the concert. But the dedication of Gatti and his players paid off. The second subject of the first movement had an affecting lilt, the dotted rhythm neatly pointed each time it was repeated. There was also a striking contrast between the portentous and the tranquil, eventually resolved in the latter's favour in the closing bars.

It would be misleading to suggest that the orchestra had solved all its technical problems, and in Mahler's Fourth Symphony there were some unfortunate lapses in ensemble and tuning. Gatti's individual handling of Mahler has a number of virtues. Something doesn't quite ring true, however, and I think it is a reluctance on Gatti's part to trust his instincts. With Mahler everything is heart-on-sleeve: the rawness and vulgarity of spontaneous passion are to be revelled in, not fought shy of.

Nevertheless, this was a performance that had much to offer, and the Danish soprano Inger Dam-Jensen, standing in at short notice, made a striking impression in the finale. She seemed the very embodiment of the "heavenly joys" of which the verses speak.

BARRY MILLINGTON

A spirit not of earth

Dead Can Dance
Dublin

SINCE Brendan Perry and Lisa Gerrard formed Dead Can Dance in 1981, they have been making some of the most uplifting, spiritual and, as the name hints at, transcendent music of our time.

The show, in the plush surroundings of the Olympia Theatre, marked the beginning of a three-month world tour to promote *Spiritchaser*, their seventh studio album for cult Indie label 4AD, which is released later this month. It was also their first-ever Dublin concert — which is a little surprising given that they are both of Anglo-Irish extraction and frequently record in Perry's own Cavan studio.

But from the moment Lisa Gerrard appeared on stage, resplendent in a flowing white dress and luminous green gown, and gracefully glided swan-like over to her *yangch'in* (that's Chinese dulcimer to you), I knew this was going to be something special. Looking for all the world like a high priestess re-enacting some sacred ritual from ancient times, she sang like a woman possessed by a spirit that is not of this earth, but which paradoxically seems to encapsulate its essence.

This dynamic is at the heart of Dead Can Dance's music, that sense of journeying towards a hidden, inner self in order to move beyond it. Reflecting the increasing influence of North African and South American polyrhythmic percussion on their sound, as many as six backing musicians at any one time were pounding bongos, beating bass drums or shaking maracas, while the odd bouzouki and clarinet teamed up with the atmospheric keyboards and occasional slide guitar to overlay the melody.

But this being Dead Can Dance, there was a whole *smorgasbord* of musical styles on show, from Middle Eastern devotional music to the liturgical chants, with the cultural impact of Gerrard's upbringing in a Turkish-Greek community in Melbourne especially in evidence on *Rakim* and *Sanvean*.

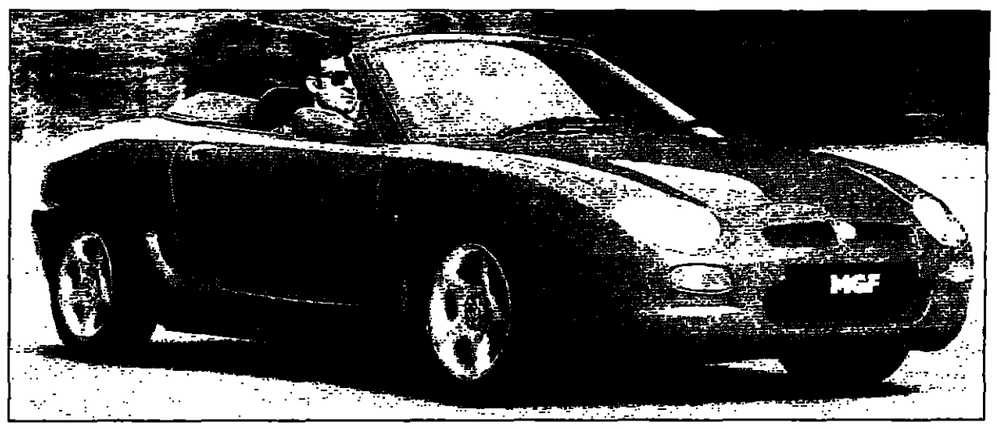
Perry, who acted as musical director, even managed to slip in conventional folk tunes, strapping on his acoustic 12-string guitar for Fred Neil's nature romance, *Dolphins*, and his own love-lorn ode, *American Dreaming*.

They left to a standing ovation, the awe on people's faces suggesting that the evening had indeed been some sort of religious experience.

NICK KELLY

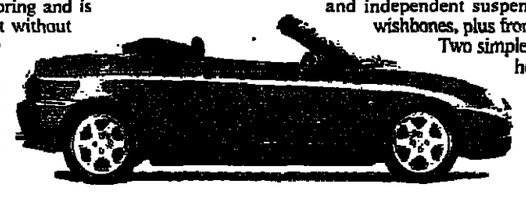
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Huge amounts of money are involved when the mega-rich divorce, says **Chris Barton**

Who gets richer when the rich split?

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Bob and Paula Geldof, top, Mick and Maya Flick, left, and the Duke and Duchess of York

INSIDE THE MAGIC CIRCLE

THEY are known to London's divorce solicitors as the "magic circle" and they represent the rich and famous — sometimes becoming friends of clients. They include:

Fiona Shackleton (Farrer & Co)

(Lady) Helen Ward (Manches & Co).

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Charles Doughty (Withers).

Ray Tooth (Sears Tooth).

Jeremy Levison (Collyer-Bristow).

Peter George (Charles Russell).

Sandra Davis (Mishcon de Reya — Anthony Julius, the Princess of Wales's solicitor, is known chiefly as a litigator).

Miles Preston (Miles Preston and Co).

The decree absolute granted to the Duke of York last week generated much interest. But in cold financial terms the reported £2 million settlement barely makes the third division of the so-called "big money" divorce league. This is the world of the "millionaire's defence" — where a person seeks not to disclose his assets in detail, in return for an undertaking that he will meet any order over payment to his wife that the court may care to make.

As it happens, £2 million was admitted to by Mr Abdel Rahim Attar as the broad value of his assets at the end of his seven-week marriage in the 1980s. This was dwarfed by the £400 million previously conceded by the originator of the "millionaire's defence", Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza. The Baron's broad assessment of his own assets was challenged by his wife, who suggested that £1,200 million might be nearer the mark. Nonetheless, his divorce proceedings established the principle of non-disclosure of financial assets in return for compliance with a court order.

Mr Attar was permitted to make an "Thyssen undertaking", on the basis that the court order as to maintenance for his wife would be low, as his marriage had been short. But a husband is not allowed to be unduly vague about his money. Mr Justice Wilson, of the Family Division of the High Court, says, extra-judicially, that the millionaire who invokes the defence of that name "must be obliged to state very broadly, ie, to the nearest million, an actual figure for his total wealth and how that figure has been calculated".

How much can a wife expect? Amanda Jane Attar received capitalised periodical payments amounting to some £30,000 to help her to adjust to being single. Predictions are difficult because Part 2 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973 does not provide an objective, let alone a formula. Instead, it specifies a list of matters to be taken into consideration.

Even in recent years, amounts have tended to fluctuate. In 1969 a 23-year-old solicitor who was childless and whose marriage to a rich man had lasted less than six months was awarded the modern-day equivalent of more than £16,000 in annual "alimony" and a lump sum of £150,000-plus. This "once a wife, always a wife" approach was the family law equivalent of damages for breach of contract, designed to put the promisee in the position she would have enjoyed had the contract been honoured.

Fortunately for the spouses of the rich, the pendulum has not yet swung too far towards damages in civil claims generally. There, the object is merely to restore the victim of, say, negligence to her previous financial position. Yet in 1984 the new Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act lowered the financial stakes in divorce, particularly in "big money" cases.

Before that Act, the aim of the law had been to put the parties in the position they would have been in had the marriage continued. With the 1984 act, that principle was abandoned. Instead, the courts are now enjoined to consider whether the spouses' financial obligations towards each other should be terminated "as soon after the decree as the court thinks reasonable".

The court looks at reasonable needs. But the reasonable needs of the rich are often argued to be different from spouses in run-of-the-mill divorces. Although the court cavilled at the suggestion from Maya Flick (in her divorce from Mercedes millionaire Mick Flick) that the upkeep of her pet labrador required £4,000 a year, and that the annual replenishment of her drinks tray amounted to £5,000, the ultimate order nonetheless represented a cost to her husband of more than £9 million. A final settlement was secured out of court by Fiona Shackleton (now acting for the Prince of Wales).

Enough for anyone? Too much, according to family law solicitor Mark Harper, who believes that the wife-as-homemaker argument is inapplicable to the mega-rich — "the wives have lots of servants and flunkeys to look after the house and kids". However, fellow family lawyer Margaret Bennett says: "The question is whether marriage is a partnership or an unequal relationship in which each party grabs what they can." She claims that wealthy American husbands are coming here to avoid an equal division of their assets under, for example, Californian community of property laws.

While the singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is reportedly content to give up half of his £200 million fortune to his wife of 25 years, fellow-American Robert Dart has moved his family to London where, it so happens, he can take advantage of our "husband-friendly" divorce settlements.

At first instance, Katina Dart was awarded "only" £9 million from his supposed assets of £400 million. But is his plastic-cup empire actually worth £900 million, as she claimed in the Court of Appeal? The court's decision is awaited shortly.

In the Flick case Mr Justice (now Lord Justice) Thorpe pointed out that the rich may be "difficult to restrain" and difficult to persuade that a co-operative approach may be in their own best interests, as well as those of the court. Next on, Bob — £10 million? — and Paula Geldof.

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Lord Taylor is a hard act to follow

The holders of the office of Chief Justice over the past 900 years have often failed to satisfy the legitimate expectations of consumers of legal services. In 1350, Sir William Thorpe was convicted of accepting bribes. Sir John de Cavendish was murdered by a mob during Wat Tyler's rebellion in 1382. Sir Edmund Saunders (who held office in 1683) was "a fetid mass" whose lack of personal hygiene offended all who had the misfortune to enter his court. Judge Jeffreys died in the Tower of London in 1689. Earlier this century, Lord Hewart was infamous for his incivility and for his inability to reserve judgment until after he had heard the evidence and legal argument.

Unlike most of his predecessors, Lord Taylor of Gosforth (who has retired as Lord Chief Justice because of ill-health) will be remembered with admiration and affection. He took office in 1992 when public confidence in the criminal justice system was at its lowest, as a result of high-profile cases in which defendants had spent years in custody after wrongful convictions. On the day of his appointment, Lord Taylor made plain his commitment to communicate with the public by holding a press conference to explain his intentions. By his integrity in court and out, he has done much to restore the battered reputation of the judiciary, and of the legal profession. He will be a very hard act to follow.



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The new Lord Chief Justice, Sir Thomas Bingham, is likely to revive a traditional role of the holder of that office by hearing important civil cases at first instance. He should sit in the Divisional Court to resolve major judicial review challenges to government decisions, and to rule on contempt of court cases. He will have less time to hear criminal appeals, but there are many experienced judges in the Court of Appeal who can assist in that respect.

Much of the working day of the Lord Chief Justice is devoted to administrative and strategic matters, in particular how best to deploy the judges who sit in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court. Sir Thomas should abolish the circuit system by which High Court judges travel the country dispensing justice, at considerable expense to the Lord Chancellor's Department, and substantial damage to their family lives. There is no good reason why experienced Circuit judges should not try the most serious criminal cases in their local Crown Court. If an exceptionally difficult or important case needs to be heard by a High Court judge, then special arrangements could still be made.

The Lord Chief Justice should encourage moves towards a more specialised judiciary, with judges who have a particular expertise being used to decide cases in that area of the law. To appoint judges to sit full-time to hear judicial review applications would help to secure consistent standards (and so encourage parties to settle cases) and improve the quality of decision-making (thereby reducing the volume of appeals).

Judges are now expected to do more preparatory work prior to the hearing, and they are to be given a managerial role in litigation. The new Lord Chief Justice should tell the Lord Chancellor that the proper performance of this changing judicial function requires the provision of support staff (law clerks and secretaries) and office equipment — benefits which are taken for granted by judges in Luxembourg and North America. More resources will also need to be devoted to judicial training.

To assist in the difficult task of developing consistent principles of sentencing for criminals, the Lord Chief Justice should advocate the creation of a Sentencing Council, and should ask the Lord Chancellor to invite distinguished academic lawyers to accept appointment to the Court of Appeal.

As Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham recognised the need for reform to reduce the costs and delays which blight our legal system. He now has the opportunity to introduce necessary reforms to promote efficiency in the provision of criminal justice. With Lord Woolf as the new Master of the Rolls, implementing many of the proposals in his own review of civil justice, we are likely to see major structural changes to the way our courts are administered.

Sir Thomas will need persuasion that it is right to continue the ban on Crown prosecutors acting as advocates in Crown Courts. He will be willing to consider measures designed to make a criminal trial less of a ritual conducted according to antiquated rules of evidence and procedure, and more of an inquiry into the truth.

Many barristers will fiercely oppose such changes. But then barristers have opposed every major reform of the legal system which threatens their restrictive practices, from the creation of county courts in the 1840s to the expansion of rights of audience for solicitors in the 1990s.

What scares some members of the Criminal Bar, but confirms that the appointment of Sir Thomas Bingham is in the public interest, is that the special pleading of lawyers will be judged on the merits of the case.

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Watch this space . . .

INSIDE OUTS

DAVID McINTOSH, the outspoken City solicitor, is to stand for election to the council of the Law Society. Mr McIntosh, 52, senior partner of Davies Arnold Cooper, is expected to be nominated by the current holder of the council seat for the City, Mark Sheldon, who is stepping down. Mr McIntosh, who regularly hits the headlines by attacking his colleagues in the City for lack of accountability over their fees, is equally critical of the current infighting at the Law Society. "If elected," he said, "I don't expect to stand alone within the Law Society in seeking to bring an end to pettiness and bickering."

Poetry, please

ANTHONY JULIUS, best known at present as the Princess of Wales's solicitor, wore his other hat as a fully-fledged literary critic cum academic last week when he delivered the first Margaret Howard Memorial Lecture (on Love Poetry and the Art of Advocacy). She was the mother of Gill Howard, who is an employment lawyer and colleague of Mr Julius's at Mishcon de Reya.

Those his highly wrought arguments passed by could nonetheless not fail to be impressed that he obtained a doctorate (in T.S. Eliot and anti-Semitism) while successfully making his mark as a litigator. And he still finds time to lecture to UCL law students on the relationship between law and literature.



Julius: also a lecturer

WHICH of the libel firms is likely to replace Stephens Innocent in acting for the National Union of Journalists? The firm, which has been dropped after a 15-year relationship with the NUJ, also acts for ITN, for whom the NUJ were not pleased to find it doing a good job in advising on how to end union bargaining. Other firms are throwing their hats in the ring.

Easy ride

THE Bar Council gathers for its annual general meeting this Saturday. Its leaders can expect a reasonably comfortable ride as not one resolution has been tabled by the membership, who traditionally use the occasion to voice grievances. In stark contrast, the Law Society can expect at least one uncomfortable resolution at its AGM in July. The newly formed Solicitors' Association plans to call for a division of the Law Society's regulatory and trade union functions.

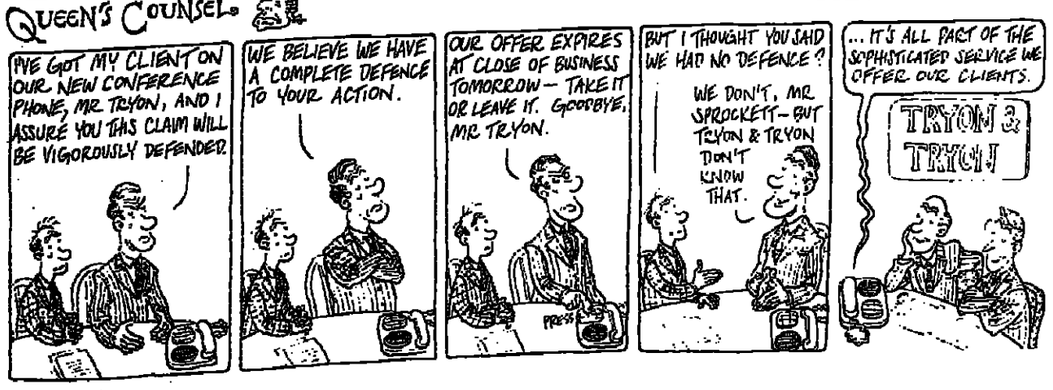
Role model

DAVID Penry-Davey, QC, has taken to his role as Bar Council chairman like a duck to water. He was something of an unknown quantity when he took up the post after entering Bar Council politics relatively late on, as a way, he says, to return something to the profession which had given him so much pleasure.

Particularly impressive have been his media performances. His recent appearance on *Newsnight* to discuss Michael Howard's sentencing proposals took place just a few hours after he had run 3.5 miles in the Wilde Sapte City of London Road Race to raise money for a planned new pro-bono unit and the Barristers' Benevolent Association.

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Drawbacks of a longer day

Richard Holman

— a circuit judge — argues the case for the defence against longer working hours



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A judge's day consists of more than sitting in court. The question of how many hours should be devoted to a trial is a complex one

The subject of the hours that courts sit is an old chestnut. But in a changing world it does no harm to revisit it, so the recent article by Joel Parkes (Law, April 16) is welcome in that it may stimulate debate. There is always room for improvement. But the only argument Mr Parkes advances in support of a 9am to 6pm court day is "the gain in justice to those who are innocent and awaiting trial in remand". He then suggests that the opposition in legal circles is based primarily on personal and selfish considerations.

The reality is more complex and the solution proposed has its pitfalls. First, one must consider the jurors. They carry a heavy responsibility for which they receive modest recompense. It is no easy task to concentrate on the evidence for lengthy periods. In a longer case I try (although not always successfully) to start at 10am so that the jury can have a refreshment break in mid-morng before resuming until lunch, with a similar pattern in the afternoon finishing at 4.30pm.

There is a real risk, if sitting hours are greatly extended, of the jury being asked to assimilate too much at a time with the consequent danger of injustice to the case. One must not forget, either, that jurors may have quite long journeys to and from court, particularly if using public transport, and will often have family commitments, so that a longer court day may place a wholly unreasonable burden on them.

What about witnesses? Although more is done for them nowadays, complaint is still frequently made that their interests are neglected. While I believe that more can be done, for instance in staggering attendance times, no case can be run to a precise timetable, so some waiting is inevitable. Longer court days may exacerbate the problem. Moreover, as with jurors, factors such as travel, family and work requirements may be affected. Court staff cannot be overlooked. Sitting hours impinge on many of them, not just the court clerks who have duties outside the courtroom itself. I have little doubt that additional recruitment would be required, for which funding is unlikely to be available. There will inevitably be similar implications as far as security officers are concerned.

These difficulties have nothing to do with the personal comfort of barristers and solicitors, and when we look at their position there are again serious practical obstacles. Except in a truly massive case, no barrister or solicitor can deal exclusively with one case at a time and so it is not just a matter of preparing for the next day. There is paperwork on other cases to be processed; clients and witnesses to be interviewed. Even now, conferences with counsel frequently take place outside normal hours. How is the lay client going to feel about a conference at 6.30pm or even later? And how effective is the conference going to be if counsel has been busy at court for nine hours?

Finally, there is the judge. I fear Mr Parkes has fallen into the trap of thinking that the judge's day starts when he enters court and ends when he leaves it. Judicial functions have to be performed in chambers before court starts. For example, there are bail applications; some evidence-gathering activities of the police require authorisation by a circuit judge; and increasingly public-interest immunity claims have to be considered. Some judges have administrative tasks, others have liaison duties with the Probation Service or a local magistrates' committee. There is also the not unimportant task of working on the summing-up as the trial in which one is engaged progresses.

By all means look at sitting times again. The Lord Chancellor's Department has commissioned a survey to test the public's response to evening and weekend sittings. The submission (of which I was a co-author) of the Council of the Manchester Law Society to the Civil Justice Review some years ago canvassed a modest increase in court hours.

The genuine obstacles which exist should not, however, be underestimated and there are, I suggest, other avenues which are more likely to be productive in terms of achieving the entirely laudable objective of reducing delays between charge and trial. If the recently introduced plea and directions hearings work properly, the problem of "cracked" trials (where there is a guilty plea on the day of trial) should be greatly reduced and this in turn will free up time for genuine trials. Serious efforts should also be made to reduce the length of trials which in recent years have shown a distinct trend away from brevity. Most, if not all, judges have experienced cases where every little point, whether good or bad, is argued and the problem is compounded where there are several defendants. In these areas all parts of the legal profession have a vital role to play.

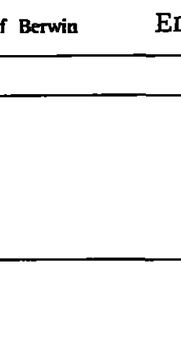
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An opportunity beckons in Europe

Brush up on your Italian

In Turin today the new Italian Government is hosting a conference on the roles of education and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in regenerating the European economy. It is appropriate because the wealth of Italy has largely been created by the SME sector. For this reason UK law firms have found it hard to penetrate the Italian market.

The new Italian Government may, however, change all that. Under the premiership of Romano Prodi the faltering privatisation process is likely to be revitalised and key fields such as telecommunications should be opened up to competition. Above all, Italy is likely to become a more active member of the European Union.



Prodi: new start

Alessandro Bossi of the Milan law firm Bossi & Grondona says: "One of the consequences of the election is that Italy should become much better at implementing EC directives. I also expect that the renewed drive towards privatisation will lead to an opening up of the economy and much greater contact with overseas lawyers."

There is widespread expectation that Freshfields will open an office in Milan before the end of the year. Clifford Chance, established in the country for a couple of years, has demonstrated that it is possible to run a successful Italian practice, if you have the right contacts.

Simmons & Simmons, too, has built a strong Italian profile through its alliance with the firm of Eugenio Grippo. As Manfredi Tolomei, a lawyer in the firm, commented last week: "We are in daily contact with the solicitors at Simmons & Simmons. Having been linked for three years we now understand each other very well."

Dominic Pini of Pritchard, Englefield is chairman of the British-Italian Law Association. Most of his clients are in the SME sector. He says: "Small businesses welcome the new Government because they feel it will bring a period of stability and that is what they need to give them the confidence to invest."

Fabrizio Carpanini of Berwin Leighton says: "When Italian companies see how simple and cheap it is to set up in the UK they are amazed. It is such a contrast with the complex bureaucracy they have to deal with at home."

Like other serious players on the Italian scene, Berwin Leighton has Italian-qualified lawyers on its team. Ms Velia Leone, a product of the Bologna Bar, recently joined its Brussels office, for example. Similarly Radcliffes Crossman Block, which has now decided the time is right to develop a strong Italian practice, has recruited Nello Pasquini, who is the first Italian lawyer to gain recognition as an English solicitor through the foreign lawyer transfer test. Mike Nathanson, who heads the Italian practice at Radcliffes, said that he and Signor Pasquini were in Milan in the week after the election to visit clients and he was most encouraged by the atmosphere in commercial circles.

As the honorary secretary of the London branch of the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy, Mr Nathanson hopes to see growing interest among UK firms in doing business in Italy. It is particularly significant that the Italian Government has appointed as its Minister of Public Works Antonio Di Pietro, the judge responsible for the "clean hands" anti-corruption campaign. Under his leadership there should be more scope for foreign companies to secure public contracts through open competition.

The only threat to this unfamiliar scene of Italian tranquillity lies in the militant separatist movement, the Northern League, led by Umberto Bossi. However, Alessandro Bossi (no relation) says that while northern Italians are understandably fed up with being taken for granted as the wealth creators of the country, the prospect of secession is not taken seriously by most business people.

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GOLF

Watson puts troubles behind him

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

SUCH is the popularity of Tom Watson that a cheer went up all around the world at the news that, on Sunday, he had won a tournament — the Memorial at Dublin, Ohio — at last. It had been 140 tournaments and nine years since his previous victory and one had begun to doubt that the 46-year-old American, who won five Opens between 1975 and 1983, could win again.

Watson is a proper golfer who understands the rhythms of the game and one of the great agonies of golf recently has been watching him play so beautifully from tee to green and so wretchedly when he has a putter in his hands. One has lost count of the number of times Watson struck the ball well enough to win a tournament, only to putt badly enough to lose it. Watson even coined a phrase for his hands when he felt they had betrayed him while putting. "My hammer mitts", he would call them.

Watson won by two strokes and it was a pleasing coincidence that he did so in the Memorial tournament, hosted by Jack Nicklaus, because these two icons of golf have been joined together in battle so often. Nicklaus called it the most thrilling win in golf in the past ten years. "From my win in the 1986 Masters to now, I haven't been happier for anyone," he said.

It was Watson's 33rd US Tour victory but, significantly, his first since the 1987 Tour championship. Watson has a son named Michael, who is 14, and not the least of his pleasures at winning after such a long time was that Michael was able to see it.

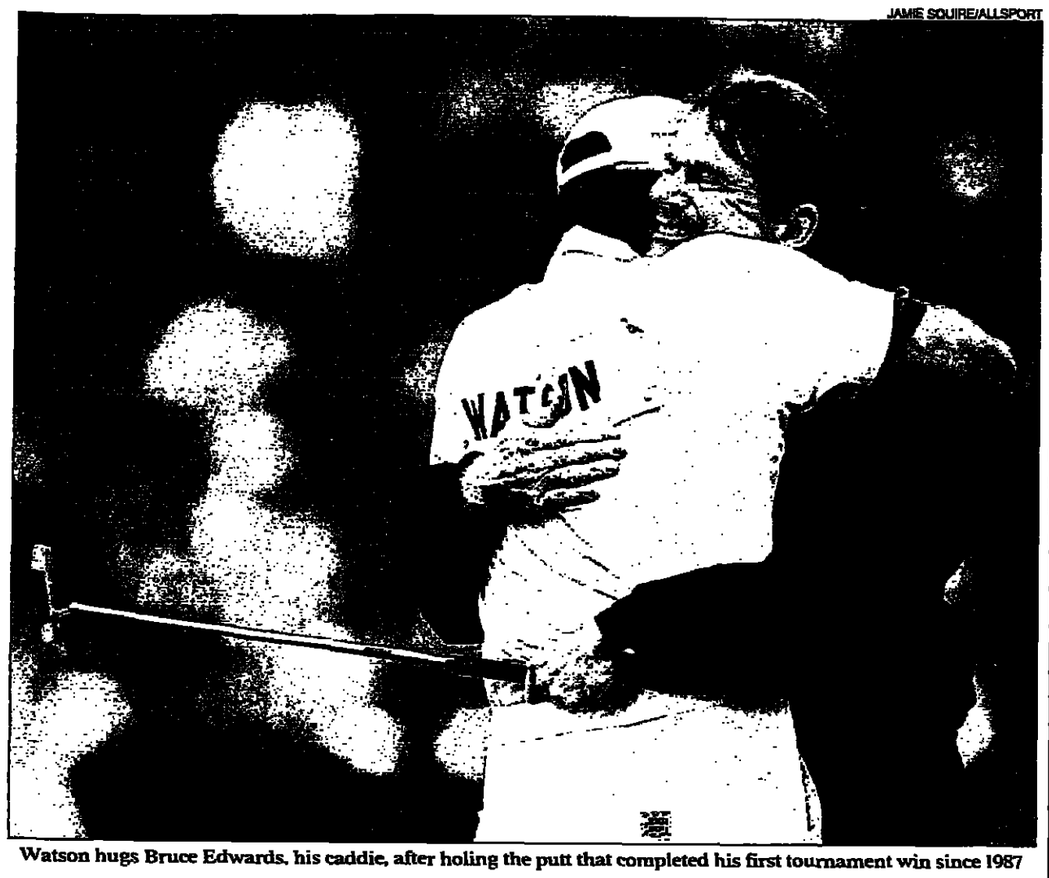
Watching Watson go through his agonies on the green and resolutely insist that one day he would win again makes one suggest that few competitors have shown so much positiveness and determination. He said he would never resort to any putting gimmicks; instead, he would persist with what he had. It had worked in the past; it would work again. Even when it patently was not working, he managed to convince himself that one day, somewhere, it would.

Sunday was that day. Victory was nearly snatched from him by David Duval, who was five strokes behind after 13 holes and only one behind as Watson played the 18th. Golf's tortuous gods played a cruel trick before they rewarded Watson. His second shot ended 15 feet above the hole on a fast and slick green, the very green, in fact, on which Eamonn Darcy had holed from six feet to win the 1987 Ryder Cup for Europe.

The green slopes this way and that and is situated outside the clubhouse in a natural watching arena. Watson knew he had to get down in two putts to win. He would not have feared the first putt so much as the prospect of having to face a curling three-footer for the second. He need not have feared anything. His first putt rattled in to the hole and he had won by two strokes.

It could not have come at a better time for Watson. The US Open starts at Oakland Hills, Detroit, on Thursday week and this victory has given him a new lease of life. Perhaps an odd coincidence contributed to Watson's performance. Watson is an Anglophile and maybe he received a crumb of comfort from the fact that he won in a place called Dublin on a golf course called Muirfield Village. It was so named by Nicklaus after the site of his Open triumph in 1966 and Watson's in 1980.

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Watson hugs Bruce Edwards, his caddie, after holing the putt that completed his first tournament win since 1987

No challenge to Swede's superiority

From Patricia Davies
in Southern Pines
North Carolina

THE 51st US Women's Open championship at Pine Needles is simply summed up: Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion, was too good for everyone else.

Laura Davies, who finished sixth, her best placing since she won the title in 1987, was nine shots adrift of the 25-year old Swede and put it succinctly. "We all lost to a far, far better player. Annika was just in a different world. On a demanding course like this, she'd be my favourite most times."

On Sunday, Sorenstam also set lots of records in front of record crowds, one of the reasons the event will be back here in 2001. The organisers knew they had moved into the big time when a ticket tout appeared. A novice, he was disappointed to learn that he was not needed — tickets were available at the gate.

Followed by her mother, father, aunt and fiancé as well as 35,000 spectators, Sorenstam was metronomic, giving her pursuers no cause for hope — an eagle three at the 10th saw to that — and her supporters little cause for alarm.

Bogeys at the 13th and 14th were followed by birdies at the 15th and 16th, where her tee shot hit the pin. Her final round of 66, four under par, equalled the best in an Open; her total of 272, eight under, was the best by five shots: she became the first non-American and only the sixth woman to win successive Opens and the first prize of $212,500 (around £140,000) was the biggest of her career. There were three Swedes in the top eight and six Europeans in the top 15, another record.

At The Broadmoor last July, Sorenstam started the final 18 holes five strokes behind Meg Mallon and won. This time, having gone on to sweep all the awards on offer in 1995 as No 1 on both the US and European tours, she began the last round leading by three and won by six from Kris Tschetter, the only other player to finish under par, who also returned a 66 on Sunday.



Sorenstam: unflappable

"Last year I felt I won because Meg made mistakes, this year I think I won because I played well," Sorenstam, who was physically sick after all the unaccustomed tension and attention ten months ago, said. Now, maturer and more relaxed, her aim is not further titles and awards, for she has enough of those to last two lifetimes, but to improve as a player, which, inevitably, will mean more trophies.

She is meticulous over statistics as well as being a dab hand on the computer keyboard. She and Colin Cann, the calm, composed caddie who complements her so well, reckoned she missed only four fairways all week.

"Need we ask?" the television people asked their on-course commentator late in the last round. "No," he said. "Straight down the middle."

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CRICKET

Yorkshire chase thwarted by steadfast Tufnell

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (24pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by 21 runs

YORKSHIRE batted so sensibly for so long in their second innings that this first championship defeat was all the more galling. It came brutally, Ramprakash hitting the stumps with a flat throw from point that beat Stemp's lunge for the crease. It was the third wicket to fall in successive balls, and the sixth in as many overs. Middlesex had won, to their own surprise, with ten balls to spare.

In the closing overs of a marvellous day's play the tension gripped both sides. Yorkshire's requirement, after drizzle robbed them of three overs, was 89 from 16 overs and they had the measure of things when Bevan was there. When he was the fifth man out, caught behind off Fraser for a super 107, the game opened up and, by taking three of the last five wickets, Tufnell did most to make sure Middlesex won it.

The crucial moment may well have come in the over after Bevan's dismissal. Blakey pummelled Tufnell to the mid-wicket boundary where Pooley held the sort of catch that is often missed. Yorkshire, admirably, refused to abandon the chase but they needed boundaries to keep up with the rate and lost Hartley, Morris and Gough in trying to find them.

Hartley, after striking Tufnell twice to the Nursery End, picked him up to deep square leg where Ramprakash was waiting. Morris was bowled in Tufnell's next over and Gough, who tried to swipe everything, drove a catch to long-on. That wicket compensated Fraser for an "almost" catch two overs previously when Gough hit him hard to long-off where Fay failed to see the ball clearly and earned a heartfelt lashing from the bowler, amplified by Gatting's foghorn tenor.

Tufnell bowled 43 overs unchanged and fully earnt his four wickets. White took him on, lapping four sixes over the shorter Grand Stand boundary, and Blakey added another as the ball faded over Ramprakash's shoulder at deep square leg. Such punishment is all part of a spinner's day and, by the end of it, Tufnell could claim to have been avenged.

Bevan batted wonderfully to give Yorkshire a chance of winning and going top of the championship. Some of his strokes off the back foot could hardly have been bettered, particularly an on-side push for four off Fay that appeared to have little backlift and no great follow-through.

Yorkshire had begun the day on 14 without loss, needing a further 330. They lost McGrath, leg-before to the second ball of the day, and Byas, who was bowled by Follett when he appeared tethered to the crease. At lunch, with Vaughan settling in to hold the innings together, they had established a good base from which to advance.

Vaughan was out in slightly unfortunate circumstances, bowled by Tufnell as he tried to sweep. The ball shot off his pad and dislodged the leg bail. The opener had served his side well, batting through 64 overs.

But Middlesex do not win championships by accident and after last week's shocking defeat at Horsham this will serve as a pick-me-up. On balance they deserved it, for all Yorkshire's gumption. It was certainly a very good match.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Kent (18)	5	3	0	2	12	15	81
Yorkshire (8)	5	2	1	2	17	13	69
Leics (7)	4	2	0	2	14	13	65
Essex (5)	4	2	1	1	15	13	63
Somerset (9)	4	2	0	2	9	16	63
Derbyshire (14)	5	1	1	3	19	15	59
Warwicks (1)	4	2	1	1	8	15	58
Middlesex (2)	4	2	2	0	5	15	52
Glouces (6)	4	1	0	3	9	14	48
Hampshire (13)	4	1	1	2	11	13	46
Durham (17)	5	0	2	3	10	20	39
Glamorgan (16)	4	1	2	1	15	5	39
Surrey (12)	4	0	0	4	13	13	38
Sussex (15)	4	1	2	1	7	7	33
Lancashire (4)	4	0	1	3	10	13	32
Notts (11)	4	0	1	3	9	13	31
Northants (3)	4	0	3	1	14	8	25
Worcs (10)	4	0	2	2	5	13	24

(1995 positions in brackets)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Penberthy is caught by Piper, the wicketkeeper, off the bowling of Pollock

Reeve revels in victory romp

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

NORTHAMPTON final day of four): Warwickshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets

WORDS such as doubt and depression have long been banned from the Warwickshire dictionary, so while the rest of the game debated their alleged decline, the champions appeared not to notice. Now we know why. There was not a trace of a team in regression as they crushed the side that harried and hassled them at the top of the table last summer.

This was Warwickshire at their tenacious best. After four sessions of the match they were in such strife that another team would have wilted and died. Instead, from 118 for five, Warwickshire amassed 447, claimed a first-innings lead of 133 and left Northamptonshire in a dispirited state that plainly demonstrated why, of these talented teams, one wins trophies and the other does not.

Dermot Reeve, the Warwickshire captain, was in his element here, never more so than during the altercations of the opening day, in which David Capel's bat was waved belligerently in his direction. "I found it an amusing incident," he reflected, which might not be an attitude that finds favour in official quarters, but exemplifies his matchless ability to stay marginally within the laws while infuriating the opposition.

Reeve simply stood at slip and pulled the strings yesterday, when Northamptonshire extended their feeble second innings by only 53 minutes and 26 runs. They played resignedly, for the damage had been done late on Saturday, and although Penberthy and Ripley took their eighth-wicket stand to 70, it was no more than a gesture.

Two of the three remaining wickets fell to Shaun Pollock. Since taking four wickets in four balls on his astounding introduction to county cricket, Pollock has been subdued. He had taken only seven championship wickets before this game, so match figures of six for 127 were as welcome as his crucial century.

This win, however, owed most to Andy Moles, who batted through 460 minutes in Warwickshire's first innings. He lasted 448 minutes fewer yesterday, surviving two edges through the slips before being caught at silly point off Rob Bailey, leaving Wasim Khan to secure victory with a series of resounding blows.

Surrey fail to get to grips with last-wicket pairing

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (10pts) drew with Derbyshire (10)

THIS was a match Surrey quite unaccountably failed to win. There were 29 overs remaining when Dominic Cork was joined by Derbyshire's last batsman, Paul Aldred, who had just left hospital with a wrist so badly bruised that he was not expected to bat at all. Six of those overs were lost to rain and the rest were survived by this pair with a competence that amounted, at times, to insouciance.

Just how Derbyshire's innings had fallen away was hard to ascertain. Every false shot seemed to result in a wicket falling. Barnett went in the first over, Jones was out to a ball of full-length that he would often as not summarily stroke to the cover boundary, and numerous other batsmen gave slip-catching practice. Martin Bicknell took four wickets in ten balls before leaving the field with a groin strain. He was much missed.

It was a match in which there seemed to be endless injuries. Wells, as well as Aldred, was not properly fit to bat. Derbyshire are captained by a durable Australian these days, which meant that both were given little choice in the matter. Wells, who had a foot strain, had to be supported down the pavilion steps by his runner and, rather than hobble back for tea, had it brought out to the pitch, where he sat in a deckchair.

When he was out, having gamely batted for half an hour, Aldred came in nursing his wrist, which had been hit by a fierce drive from Brown earlier in the day. It did not seem to disconcert him. That he managed only seven runs was immaterial. He left anything wide of the stumps and played everything pitched up with a dead bat. Cork, who kept to his normal game, finished with an unbeaten 82 in two hours 22 minutes, including 18 fours.

Prior to that, Surrey had bowled and fielded smartly. Butcher held three catches at second slip, Bicknell cutting his pace to enable the ball to swing. It was not enough.

Azharuddin content to accept hot-seat on damp day

BY PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (final day of three): Leicestershire drew with the Indians

THEY were burning effigies of Mohammad Azharuddin in the streets of Amritsar yesterday, but he shrugged off the news as lightly as he dismissed the bruised foot and sore elbow he suffered in this match.

It takes a lot to stir this most gentle of cricketers, although he was sufficiently moved to break his silence on the Navjot Singh Sidhu affair, which had caused such hostility towards the Moslem captain in the Sikh holy city, in a bid to clear the air before the first Test match starts at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Sidhu walked out on the team after being dropped for the third one-day international at Old Trafford last week, claiming that the last straw was when Azharuddin, seeing that he was padded up in anticipation of opening the innings, laughed at him.

"I would never do that, never, ever," Azharuddin said, and it was hard not to believe him as he went on to talk about what he perceived as the ills of the game. These included people who throw rubbish on the field and people who retire ungraciously, such as Botham, Haynes and Prabhakar.

As far as Sidhu was concerned, he said that the player was told before the game that he was being dropped, an decision made purely on cricketing grounds. "The unnecessary controversy is only serving to detract from our prime task to win the forthcoming Test series," he said

They did not get much practice yesterday, though, as rain set in just as Azharuddin, who added 72 to his first-innings century before deciding that his elbow was too uncomfortable to continue, and Manjrekar, with a patient 65 not out, had put them in a position to set Leicestershire a decent target.

Azharuddin insisted that his players are now ready for the first Test, which could see India including four debutants for the first time since the 1947-48 season: Rathore, Prasad, Joshi and Mhambrey.

Magnificent Moody frustrated by rain

WORCESTER (final day of four): Worcestershire (9pts) drew with Hampshire (9)

A DAY that dawned full of hope — quick runs by Hick and Moody, a declaration leaving Hampshire a tough, but not impossible, run chase — ended in meaningless batting practice for Worcestershire (Jack Bailey writes). Two spells of rain immediately after lunch put paid to any sense of adventure that might have gripped Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, early on, and Hampshire were condemned to an interrupted day in the field.

Still, it's an ill wind ... Moody seized the opportunity to score an unbeaten century, most of his runs coming while there was still something in the match. At the same time, Rueben Spiring took his total of runs scored in this game to 226. He has now played ten first-class innings and has made a century and four other scores over fifty.

On a pitch that continued to favour the batsmen and the absence of Milburn from the Hampshire attack, everything was in favour of a run feast from Hick and Moody. Worcestershire's overnight batsmen, but Hick, looking somewhat uninterested, left early after hitting a shortish ball from Connor into the hands of mid-wicket.

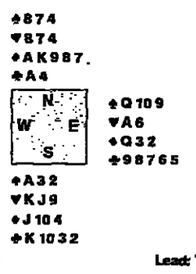
This led nowhere for Hampshire, though. Moody, having added 32 to his overnight 35, appeared to give a catch to leg slip off Udal, but after that offered not a semblance of a chance as he moved past his century from 133 balls, having hit a six and 15 fours.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The extra chance on this hand was not easy to spot.

Dealer South **Game all** **Rubber bridge**



Contract: 3 NT by South — Lead: Two of hearts

South opened One Club and rebid 1 NT over North's One Diamond response. North raised to 3 NT. East took the first heart with the ace and returned a heart to the jack and queen. Had the defence switched to spades at that point, declarer would have had no chance, but West cleared the hearts, with East discarding a club.

Now, after the jack of diamonds to the ace and a club back to the king, the declarer (Howard Cohen) ran the ten of diamonds. East won and returned a spade, so Cohen had only eight tricks — the club blockage prevented him from enjoying the ten of clubs.

As the cards lie, the winning play after the ace of diamonds is to play ace and king of clubs before taking the diamond finesse. The main hope is that the diamond suit runs for five tricks, but playing both high clubs first picks up on the remote chance that the queen and jack are doubleton — in that case, declarer can cash the ten of clubs before finessing the diamonds. (Note that East has only one club winner, having discarded one on the third heart.) Cohen asked me whether catering for the club possibility is worth the risk of extra undertricks. I think it is — it is only when East has started with Q J to six or more clubs, and the queen of diamonds, that playing off both top clubs first costs an extra undertrick.

☐ England won the Lady Milne Trophy (women's home international) at the weekend. The victorious team was Heather Dhondy, Sally Anoyrkatis, Christine Duckworth, Jane Sutcliffe, Michelle Brunner and Michele Handley, with Tony Priday as captain.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Best Bulgarian

The recent results of Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster, have confirmed him as a likely future candidate for the world championship. His style combines great solidity and resilience with enterprising opening play. In Seville, for example, where he shared first prize (see crosstable in yesterday's paper). Topalov made a plus score with the traditionally disadvantageous black pieces. In the game today, game he survives a difficult opening to inflict a catastrophic defeat on the challenger for the Fide (World Chess Federation) world championship, which starts at the end of this week.

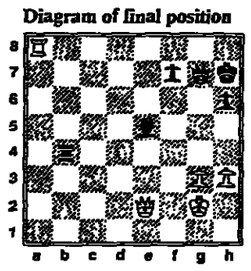
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Seville, May 1996

Modern Benoni

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	c5
4	d5	d6
5	Nc3	exd5
6	cxd5	g6
7	g3	Bg7
8	Bg2	0-0
9	0-0	Na6
10	h3	Re8
11	Nd2	Nc7
12	a4	b6
13	e4	Ba6
14	Re1	Nd7
15	Nf3	Qe7
16	Bf4	Qf8
17	Qc2	h6
18	Rab1	g5
19	Bd2	Bb7
20	Nh2	Ne5
21	Ng4	Nc4
22	Ne3	Nxe3
23	Bxe3	Na6
24	Nb5	Nb4
25	Qd2	Red8
26	Kh2	a6
27	Nc3	Re8
28	f4	gxf4
29	Bxf4	Bc8
30	Re2	Bd7
31	Rbe1	c4
32	e5	dxe5
33	Bxe5	Rxe5
34	Rxe5	Nd3
35	Re7	Nxe1
36	Qxe1	Rd8
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39	Qxc4	Be6
40	Qxa4	Be5
41	Ne4	Bxd6
42	Ra7	Be5
43	b3	Qg7
44	Qxa6	Rd4
45	b4	Bf5
46	Qe2	Bxe4
47	Ra3	Bxg2
48	Kxg2	Rxb4
49	Ra8+	Kh7

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Prince Smyslov

According to the *British Chess Magazine*, Vassily Smyslov, who won the world championship in 1957 and who celebrated his 75th birthday earlier this year, has been doubly honoured — "The occasion was marked by Kirsan Ilumzinov (president of Fide) awarding him a personal pension of one thousand dollars a month ... he has also been raised to the rank of Prince by the Russian Imperial Family."

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Dixon out of action after fall

KAREN DIXON, a leading contender for the British Olympic three-dayn event team, cracked her shoulder blade while competing on Simply the Best at Maisons Laffitte, in France, at the weekend (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The young horse stopped at fence 18, a rail with a ditch below, and then jumped from a standstill, catapulting Dixon onto a bank.

Dixon, who was a member of the silver medal-winning team in Seoul and was the highest-placed British rider (sixth) in Barcelona, hopes to be fit in time to compete at the final trial at Hartpury, Gloucestershire on June 21.

Price too high

Bowls: John Price, the leading bowler in Wales, has withdrawn from next month's home international series in Belfast because he cannot afford to take more time off work as a DSS official.

Wales have chosen Mark Anstey to replace Price at skip, while David Vowles is recalled at lead, and there are four new caps, Gareth Jones, Mark Letman, Nigel Leigh and Alan Withers.

Security fear

Cricket: Australia's entry into a four-nation tournament in Sri Lanka in August and September was yesterday thrown into doubt because of security fears.

In the money

Sailing: Russell Coutts, of New Zealand, is on course for the richest prize in sailing after winning the Brut Cup match-racing event in San Francisco on Sunday. Coutts needs to win one more of the events to claim a $250,000 jackpot.

Douce chosen

Cyclo-cross: Steve Douce, who has been British cyclo-cross champion seven times, has been named team manager of the national squad.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley challenge series
Leicestershire v Indians

LEICESTER (final day of three): Leicestershire drew with the Indians

INDIANS: First Innings 305 for 3 dec (M Azharuddin 111 not out, V Rathore 71, R Dravid 58 not out)

Second Innings

V Rathore st Nixon b Brimson	91
†N R Mongia low b Pierson	24
S V Manjrekar not out	65
R Dravid low b Brimson	12
*M Azharuddin retired hurt	72
S Joshi not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total (3 wkts dec)	273

FALL OF WICKETS 1-115, 2-115, 3-136.

BOWLING Millns 7-0-20-0; Wells 4-1-9-0; Williamson 17-4-63-0; Pierson 22-3-81-1, Brimson 22-3-80-2, Maddy 4-1-15-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 318 for 5 dec (A Habib 90, D L Maddy 61, P V Simmons 58, V J Wells 52).

Umpires: H D Bird and G Sharp.

Britannic Assurance county championship
Lancashire v Gloucestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (10pts) drew with Gloucestershire (9)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 270 (M W Alleyne 96, R C Russell 60; S Elworthy 4 for 80)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton b Davis	80
N J Speak low b Alleyne	44
J P Crawley st Russell b Davis	70
N H Fairbrother c Alleyne b Dawe	6
G D Lloyd c Symonds b Dawe	43
*M Watkinson c Cunliffe b Walsh	15
†W K Hegg c Alleyne b Ball	5
S Elworthy not out	21
G Chapple c Dawe b Walsh	9
P J Martin c Symonds b Smith	22
G Keedy not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 6)	14
Total (9 wkts)	335

Score at 120 overs, 319-9

FALL OF WICKETS 1-76, 2-185, 3-191, 4-246, 5-255, 6-260, 7-275, 8-287, 9-314

BOWLING Walsh 31-10-50-2; Smith 26-7-93-1, Alleyne 14-6-24-1; Ball 19-5-54-1, Dawe 35-12-93-4, Trainor 1-0-4-0

Umpires: D J Constant and A J Lyons

Middlesex v Yorkshire

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (24pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by 21 runs

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 447 (M R Ramprakash 134, J D Carr 94)

Second Innings 171 for 4 dec (K R Brown 60 not out, M R Ramprakash 60 not out).

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 275 (P J Hartley 88 not out, D Follett 5 for 64)

Second Innings

A McGrath low b Fay	12
M P Vaughan b Tufnell	67
*D Byas b Follett	33
M G Bevan c Brown b Fraser	107
C White c Harrison b Fraser	39
†R J Blakey c Pooley b Tufnell	19
P Hartley c Ramprakash b Tufnell	12
D Gough c Pooley b Fraser	10
A C Morris b Tufnell	3
C E W Silverwood not out	0
R D Stemp run out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 13, nb 4)	20
Total	322

FALL OF WICKETS 1-14, 2-71, 3-165, 4-260, 5-294, 6-294, 7-310, 8-322, 9-322

BOWLING Fraser 29.2-7-92-3, Follett 10-2-32-1, Fay 11-2-51-1, Tufnell 43-13-106-4, Wookes 6-2-25-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A A Jones

CORRECTION: Middlesex first innings: J D Carr c Morris b White, not as previously published

Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTON *(final day of four): Warwickshire (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (5) by nine wickets*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 314 (R J Warren 76, D J Capel 57, K M Curran 55; D A Reeve 5 for 37)

Second Innings

R Montgomerie c Piper b Pollock	12
R J Warren c Khan b Small	0
*R J Bailey run out	16
M B Loye c Ostler b Welch	7
D J Capel low b Welch	0
A L Penberthy c Piper b Pollock	43
K M Curran b Brown	16
A R Roberts b Smith	19
†D Ripley not out	35
C E L Ambrose c Penney b Smith	3
J P Taylor b Pollock	3
Extras (b 5, lb 1, nb 14)	20
Total	174

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-16, 3-33, 4-33, 5-41, 6-67, 7-89, 8-159, 9-166

BOWLING Pollock 22.1-4-49-3, Small 2-0-3-1, Welch 15-4-46-2, Reeve 7-2-21-0, Brown 8-2-29-1, Smith 12-4-20-2

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 447 (A J Moles 164, S M Pollock 107, C E L Ambrose 5 for 62)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Montgomerie b Bailey	5
W G Khan not out	32
D P Ostler not out	6
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	44

FALL OF WICKET 1-13

BOWLING Ambrose 1-0-6-0, Taylor 2-0-8-0, Roberts 2-0-19-0, Bailey 1.5-0-10-1

Umpires: A Clarkson and T E Jesty

Nottinghamshire v Durham

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (7pts) drew with Durham (11)

DURHAM: First Innings 455 (D A Blenkiron 130, S L Campbell 118, K P Evans 4 for 68)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Blenkiron b Brown	30
R T Robinson b Wood	14
G F Archer c Boiling b Betts	2
*P Johnson c Scott b Brown	34
C L Cairns c Morris b Brown	42
C M Tolley low b Wood	31
†W Noon c Bainbridge b Boiling	17
K P Evans not out	40
M N Bowen c Brown b Wood	5
R A Pick c Boiling b Brown	32
J A Afford c Bainbridge b Brown	1
Extras (lb 3, nb 18)	31
Total (78.2 overs)	269

FALL 1-36, 2-41, 3-63, 4-120, 5-151, 6-186, 7-190, 8-204, 9-267

BOWLING Brown 19.2-4-70-5, Wood 21-3-66-3, Betts 14-2-70-1, Collingwood 3-0-16-0, Boiling 21-7-44-1

Second Innings

P R Pollard b Brown	64
R Robinson c Campbell b Boiling	184
G F Archer not out	85
*P Johnson c Collingwood b Boiling	7
C L Cairns not out	34
Extras (b 3, lb 13, nb 18)	34
Total (3 wkts)	408

FALL OF WICKETS 1-214, 2-294, 3-316

BOWLING Brown 24-4-71-1, Betts 15-0-79-0, Wood 21-1-67-0, Boiling 23.5-8-62-2, Collingwood 23-3-76-0, Bainbridge 4-0-18-0

Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer

Surrey v Derbyshire

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (10pts) drew with Derbyshire (10)

SURREY: First Innings 477 (G P Thorpe 185, A J Hollioake 72, A J Stewart 53, M A Butcher 52)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Adams b Cork	39
M A Butcher b Barnett	57
*A J Stewart retired out	47
G P Thorpe low b Barnett	68
A D Brown not out	56
A J Hollioake not out	71
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 2)	7
Total (4 wkts dec)	345

FALL OF WICKETS 1-92, 2-100, 3-213.

BOWLING Malcolm 11-2-39-0, Cork 10-1-40-1; Harris 14-2-68-0; Barnett 17-0-99-2; Aldred 4.4-0-43-0; Jones 6.5-0-23-0, Rollins 2-0-25-0, Adams 1-0-3-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 469 (K J Barnett 94, C M Wells 82, D M Jones 76, J E Owen 54)

Second Innings

K J Barnett c Brown b M P Bicknell	0
A S Rollins low b Pearson	21
C J Adams c Butcher b Julian	42
*D M Jones low b Julian	10
J Owen c Butcher b M P Bicknell	11
†K M Krikken b M P Bicknell	9
D G Cork not out	82
A J Harris b M P Bicknell	0
D Malcolm c Butcher b M P Bicknell	4
C M Wells c Hollioake b Julian	28
P Aldred not out	7
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 26)	32
Total (9 wkts)	246

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-57, 3-81, 4-86, 5-107, 6-110, 7-110, 8-124, 9-172.

BOWLING M P Bicknell 9-3-17-5, Lewis 15-3-61-0, Pearson 15-5-41-1, Julian 18-5-93-3, Hollioake 6-0-25-0; D J Bicknell 1-0-4-0, Thorpe 1-1-0-0

Umpires: N T Plews and P Willey

Worcestershire v Hampshire

WORCESTER (final day of four): Worcestershire (9pts) drew with Hampshire (9)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 431 (K R Spiring 144, G A Hick 123)

Second Innings

T S Curtis low b Connor	6
W P C Weston c sub b Connor	1
G A Hick c White b Connor	44
*T M Moody not out	138
K R Spiring run out	82
D A Leatherdale not out	3
Extras (b 6, lb 4, w 2, nb 2)	14
Total (4 wkts dec)	288

FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-26, 3-122, 4-281

BOWLING Connor 16-3-48-3, Bovill 15-2-59-0 James 5-0-21-0, Stephenson 11-4-35-0 Udal 23-5-67-0, Whitaker 15-2-48-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 393 for 7 dec (A N Aymes 100 not out, J P Stephenson 74, G W White 66, S D Udal 50 not out)

Umpires: B Dudleston and M J Kitchen

University match
Oxford University v Glamorgan

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 108 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 304 for 6 dec (G P Butcher 83, R D B Croft 71, A W Evans 66 not out)

OFFICIAL CORRECTIONS. A J Dalton b Wagh 17, fall of wickets 5-242, 6-265 bowling Du Preez 13-2-52-0 — not as previously published

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

†J N Batty c Shaw b Kendrick	51
*C M Gupte not out	97
G Khan b Butcher	11
H S Malik c Cottey b Croft	19
M E D Jarrett c Kendrick b Croft	1
W S Kendall c Shaw b Kendrick	4
M Wagh not out	2
Extras (lb 3, nb 8)	11
Total (5 wkts)	196

R B Thomson, S P Du Preez, D P Mather and C G R Lightfoot to bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-107, 2-122, 3-159, 4-165, 5-194

BOWLING Thomas 20-2-69-0, Parkin 8-1-30-0 Kendrick 16-5-45-2; Davies 6-3-18-0 Butcher 5-1-16-1 Croft 15-5-32-2; Dale 2-0-3-0

Umpires: J D Bond and J F Steele

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AGROSTIS
a. A puzzle
b. A peasant
c. A grass

BRACT
a. A saltmarsh
b. Swart and stubby
c. A leaflet

BAYOU
a. A wolf-hound
b. New Orleans cuisine
c. A marshlet

BUPLEVER
a. Hare's-ear
b. A winch
c. A cont or punt-pole

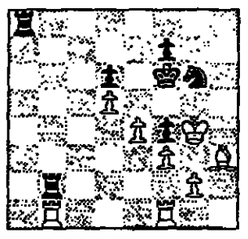
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Kamsky — Kasparov, Intel grand prix, New York, 1994. How did Kasparov, the PCA world champion, Black, exploit the insecure position of his opponent's king?

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RACING: OPEN ASPECT OF DERBY REFLECTED IN VIEWS OF THE EXPERTS

Even Top earns form points

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Vodafone Derby is the most open for years and, with the Epsom classic only four days away, racing experts without a direct involvement in the race give their analyses of the outcome.

JACK RAMSDEN is one of the most successful gamblers in Britain and husband of Lynda Ramsden, the Thirsk-based trainer. "I have strong views about the Derby. You must have horses that stay. This has been proven over the years and last year, for example, the only three horses certain to stay finished first, second and third.

"My main fancy is **Even Top**. I have to admit the pedigree is rather disconcert-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GORETSKI
(5.30 Brighton)
Next best: Fairywings
(3.45 Pontefract)


ED BYRNE

Even Top, left, fails by a short head to overhaul Mark Of Esteem, right, in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket

ing in terms of quality, but not in terms of stamina. The 2,000 Guineas is the form race of the year. Storm Trooper is the main danger, although I am slightly going against myself, because he is by Diesis. But there is plenty of stamina on the dam's side, which I like."

LUCA CUMANI won the Derby in 1988 with Kahyasi. "Trainers are notoriously bad tipsters and I am one of the worst. My short-list is Dr Massini, Dushyantor and Even Top, in that order. There is a slight question mark against **Dr Massini** because he missed some training, but he is the only horse that has impressed me. Although he probably didn't beat a lot in the Glasgow Stakes at York he did it well and is the only horse that makes you think he could be something out of the ordinary.

"Dushyantor will stay and would have won the Dante Stakes if there had been some pace. Even Top ran a very good Derby trial in the Guineas and will stay."

LORD HARTINGTON, the outgoing chairman of the British Horseracing Board, has seen most of the key trials. "I can hardly pronounce Henry Cecil's horse, but I think he'll win the Derby. **Dushyantor** is obviously very lazy at home but seems to have survived everything so far. He's extremely well bred, being by Sadler's Wells, with his dam second in the Oaks, and his half-brother, Commander In Chief, having won a Derby. There is no doubting his stamina. For an outsider, I like the William Haggas-trained Shaamit."

BEN HANBURY has won the English and Irish 1,000 Guineas plus the Oaks but has never had a runner in the Derby. "It's the most open Derby for years and I am going for **Alhaarth**, who had the best form at two. I just hope there are no hard-luck stories."

DAVID LODER won his first classic, the Italian Derby, last month. "I thought **Dushyantor** ran a very good trial at York in a difficult race. He is an improver and bred for the part. The dangers would be headed by Even Top and I was impressed with Mystic Knight at Lingfield."

VICTOR CHANDLER, the leading independent rails bookmaker, dreams every year of a repeat of the 1974 Derby — won by Snow Knight at 50-1. "It is the most closely-matched Derby I have seen for years and there is more money flowing around for more horses than ever before. The outsider I fancy is Chief Contender, who is well bred and produced the fastest time we have recorded so far.

"However, I would back **Even Top**. He's the form horse and I like the way he ran in the 2,000 Guineas, where he didn't look completely fit."

MARK JOHNSTON triumphed for the North two years ago with Mister Baileys in the 2,000 Guineas and expects **Even Top** to win the Derby. "With the exception of Glory Of Dancer, the form of the others is based on conditions races, while Even Top has group one form and has done nothing wrong. The 2,000 Guineas is the best three-year-old test run in Britain so far."

MARK PRESCOTT is the master of Heath House in Newmarket. "The Derby is very complex and I would like Mr Haggas to win [with Shaamit] as an ex-Heath House survivor. If not him, Mr Tompkins [Even Top] or Mr Kelleway [Glory Of Dancer] as it is time we had a new face. But I think Mr Cecil will win. **Dushyantor** is bred for the job and the race at York was a muddle. Although he seems to be beaten by Storm Trooper at home, I am more inclined to believe the form book than gallops reports."

PETER WALWYN won the Derby in 1975 with Grundy. "The Derby is a fascinating race this year; the most open we've had for a long time. **Dr Massini** is lacking experience but his form looks good. I would like to see Paul Kelleway or William Haggas win; they deserve their chance."

PAUL COLE sent out Generous to win the 1991 Derby. "I have got a leaning towards **Shaamit** [unraced this year] as he is the only one you cannot fault, but you have to respect Michael Stoute and Dr Massini."

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market



GUIDE TO THE PRICES

	Coral	Ladbrokes, Hills	Tote
Dr Massini	4-1	9-2	4-1	9-2
Glory Of Dancer	11-2	9-2	6-1	11-2
Dushyantor	11-2	5-1	5-1	6-1
Even Top	6-1	6-1	6-1	11-2
Alhaarth	6-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Storm Trooper	10-1	12-1	10-1	8-1
Shaamit	12-1	12-1	10-1	12-1
Double Leaf	14-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Mystic Knight	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
St Mawes	25-1	25-1	16-1	25-1
Jack Jennings	33-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Chief Contender	33-1	33-1	40-1	33-1
Clever Cliche	50-1	50-1	40-1	50-1
Prince Of My Heart	50-1	66-1	66-1	66-1
Shantou	50-1	66-1	40-1	50-1
Zafonum	100-1	66-1	50-1	100-1
Busy Flight	50-1	100-1	50-1	50-1
Classic Eagle	150-1	100-1	200-1	250-1
Tasdid	100-1	100-1	200-1	100-1
Acharne	150-1	200-1	100-1	150-1
Spartan Heartbeat	250-1	200-1	200-1	200-1
Portuguese Lil	500-1	500-1	1000-1	500-1

A maximum of 22 runners will line up for the Vodafone Derby at Epsom on Saturday after 12 colts were taken out of race at yesterday's declaration stage. Having failed to get a run with my long-range selection, Mons, who is out of action with sore shins, the race still makes plenty of appeal from a betting angle with stamina doubts over several leading contenders.

Glory Of Dancer won the main trial, Yorks Dante Stakes, in good style from Dushyantor. However, he was less inconvenienced by the pedestrian early pace there than the runner-up, and is unlikely to stay.

Alhaarth, Shaamit and Storm Trooper are others not certain to last home.

Dushyantor is one of the few Derby runners that will appreciate a strongly run 1½ miles and will be hard to keep out of the frame, but a lack of finishing pace may prove his undoing.

Even Top is bred to stay, and his short-head second to Mark Of Esteem in the 2,000 Guineas makes appealing reading. However, there is a strong possibility that the first three home in the Guineas were flattered by racing against the favoured stands' rail. He could not be backed with confidence.

Michael Stoute has won the Derby twice, with Shergar and Shahrastani, and again has a strong hand with Dr Massini and Double Leaf. Dr Massini has won both his starts impressively, most recently beating the highly regarded King Alex comfortably in the Glasgow Stakes at York. He will make a bold bid, but there is little value left at 9-2.

Double Leaf has been working exceptionally well since an unlucky fifth in the Dante, where he stayed on strongly after being hampered two furlongs out. He will relish the extra distance of the Derby, and at 14-1 **DOUBLE LEAF** is a solid each-way bet.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Challenge likely to Wembley tradition

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WEMBLEY will stage the Challenge Cup final a week later than normal next year, because of a prior booking at the stadium. The finals of a new plate competition are also planned for the venue on the same date, May 3.

The Rugby Football League (RFL), however, is considering hiring Twickenham as a future venue for other events. In the new mood of co-operation with the Rugby Football Union, which wants to exploit Twickenham's revenue potential, the RFL is enthusiastic about the idea. After Wigan's appearances there last month, staging a Challenge Cup final or an international match could be a natural progression.

Injuries and defections to union have made the side that begins Wales's defence of the triangular European championship, against France at Carcassonne tomorrow, barely recognisable from the one that reached the World Cup semi-finals seven months ago.

Gareth Davies, yet to make a senior appearance for Warrington this season, and Jason Critchley and Gareth Stephens, both of English birth, are newcomers. Gerald Cordle, 35, is recalled on the right wing.

Their formidable pack could provide the platform from which the Welsh show their superiority over what is, in effect, a Paris Saint-Germain side.

FRANCE: (Paris Saint-Germain unless stated) F Banquet; P Bomati, E Vergniol, J-M Garcia (Sheffield), A Cervello, F Devecchi, P Entat (captain), H Boudebza (St Esteve), P Torrailles, F Teixido, G Tallec (Wigan), D Cabestany, P Jampy. Substitutes: R Pastré-Courtine, R Zanon, L Lucchese, L Cambres

WALES: P Atcheson (Oldham); G Cordle (Bradford), G Davies (Warrington), J Critchley (Keighley), A Sullivan (St Helens); I Harris (Warrington), G Stephens (Hull); D Young (Salford, captain), K Cunningham (St Helens), M Jones (Warrington), P Moriarty (South Wales), R Phillips (Workington), M Perrett (Halifax). Substitutes: M Hall (Wigan), N Cowie (Wigan), R Webster (Salford), I Watson (Salford)

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Dundel	4.15 Detachment
3.15 Champagne N Dreams	4.45 Ambassador
3.45 Fairywings	5.15 ORINOCO RIVER (nap)
	5.45 Skillington

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Caribbean Dancer. 4.15 DUEL AT DAWN (nap). 4.45 Lakeline Legend.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST
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2.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND THORNE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,163: 6f) (10 runners)

101 (5) S APRIL JACKSON 11 (R Fennell) P Dalton 8-11 ... S D Williams 87
102 (3) AUCTION HALL (Cheveley Park Stud) M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton –
103 (8) DANCE MELODY (J Wright) G Oldroyd 8-11 ... K Fallon –
104 (6) 434 DARKHILL PRINCESS 11 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-11 ... L Dettori 88
105 (4) DUNDEL (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 ... Pat Eddery –
106 (9) LYCILITY (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 ... B Doyle –
107 (7) MYSTIC CIRCLE (P Fenwick & F A P Chapman) J Watts 8-11 ... B Thomson –
108 (2) NATIVE RHYTHM (Mrs B Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... W Carson –
109 (10) PRINCESS OF HEARTS (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-11 ... M Hills –
110 (1) VAGABOND CHANTEUSE (W Green) T Etherington 8-11 ... L Charnock –

BETTING: 8-4 Native Rhythm, 7-2 Dundel, 5-1 Auction Hall, 6-1 Mystic Circle, 8-1 Lycility, 10-1 others.

1995: MYSTIC TEMPO 8-11 J Reid (2-1 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUCTION HALL (foaled Mar 26). Half-sister by Saddlers' Hall to useful gunnile 5f winner Bid For Blue. DARKHILL PRINCESS 6l¼l 4th of 6 as Fermanda in a maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm) with APRIL JACKSON 4l 5th. DUNDEL (Apr 29) Half-sister by Machiavellian to several winners, including middle-distance winner Folia. NATIVE RHYTHM. First foal, by Lycius; dam 1m winner in France. PRINCESS OF HEARTS (Mar 26). Half-sister by Prince Sabo to juvenile 6f winner Corlo; dam 1m 1f winner. No selection

3.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,763: 1m 4yd) (20 runners)

201 (17) 140500 TAME DEER 28 (G) (M O'Toole) M Chapman 4-9-10 ... M Semple (5) 90
202 (2) 40400-8 CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 7 (D,F) (Handy Guard Club) D Nicholls 4-9-9 J Bramhill (5) 88
203 (1) 00324 BRAMBLES WAY 5 (V) (N Jones) W Barker 7-9-6 ... J Edmunds 92
204 (10) 400- MY MILLIE 238 (P Asquith) R Boss 3-8-5 ... G Faulkner 87
205 (19) 410040 ADALDALDO 18 (V,G) (R Flegg) J Parkes 4-9-4 ... S Buckley (5) 92
206 (20) 4304-00 HONG KONG DESIGNER 11 (Mrs R Richer) Miss J Cook 4-9-2 ... P Clarke (5) 92
207 (13) 060005 MAZILLA B (V,D,S) (M Rhodes) A Streeter 4-8-12 ... D Sweeney 91
208 (8) 0-50530 ABSOLUTE RULER B (S) (P Rocha) J L Harris 5-8-12 ... A Eddery 98
209 (15) 06-3500 GALLANT LADY 22 (D,S) (Mrs P Wake) J Wainwright 4-8-11 ... P Doe (5) 91
210 (14) 5800-01 ELITE RACING 15 (B,D,F,G) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 4-8-10 ... Almen Cook 98
211 (9) 60063-4 LAWNSWOOD CAPTAIN 18 (A Hill) R Hollinshead 3-8-9 ... S Crawford (7) 92
212 (3) 2000/00 HATS OF TO HILDA 22 (P Hemingway) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6 ... J Dennis –
213 (18) 000002 LANGTONIAN 15 (B,D,G) (R Peebles) J Eyre 7-8-5 ... Angela Gallimore 89
214 (6) 0-86000 HUNZA STORY 11 (V,F) (Mrs C Grasswood) N Littmoden 4-8-4 ... Jo Hunnam 86
215 (11) P-00050 SLEIWALLY 11 (V,D,G) (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 5-8-4 Joanne Webster (5) 93
216 (12) 0040-00 MARY MACBLAIN 7 (D,F) (D Jackson) J L Harris 7-8-4 ... K Sked (3) 87
217 (5) 04-0000 GOOD SO FA 25 (D,G) (Mrs J Williams) C Allen 4-8-4 ... J Williamson 87
218 (7) 060/000 RUBY PLUS 7 (V) (Mrs D Morris) G Oldroyd 5-8-2 ... J Fowle (5) –
219 (16) 000-000 PERCY PARROT 27 (Mrs J Thompson) R Whitaker 4-8-2 ... P Fredericks (7) 86
220 (4) 6-500 KAI'S LADY 63 (Mrs S Campion) S Campion 3-7-10 ... C Cogan (5) –

Long handicap: Kai's Lady 7-0

BETTING: 11-2 Champagne N Dreams, 6-1 Elite Racing, 7-1 Brambles Way, Langtonian, 8-1 Adaldaldo, Hats Of To Hilda, 10-1 Absolute Ruler, Good So Fa, 12-1 others

1995: POP TO STANS 6-8-12 Elizabeth Turner (12-1) J Pearce 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAME DEER 7l 7th of 16 to Premo Lara in a handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 9½l 6th of 12 to Alabang in a handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm) with MARY MACBLAIN (6lb better off) 2¼l 9th. BRAMBLES WAY 3½l 4th of 15 to Commander Elect in a handicap at Carlisle (7f, good). MY MILLIE best effort, 4l 4th of 8 to Clincher Club in a maiden here (5f, good to firm). MAZILLA 9½l 5th of 19 to Kristal Breeze in a selling handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good to soft) with ABSOLUTE RULER (2lb worse off) 10¼l 14th. ELITE RACING beat LANGTONIAN (1lb better off) ½l in an 11-runner seller at Musselburgh (1m, good) with ABSOLUTE RULER (5lb better off) 1¼l 3rd.
Selection: ABSOLUTE RULER

3.45 KALAMAZOO GMS SECURITY TICKET HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,160: 1m 2f 6yd) (8 runners)

301 (4) 55-01 SERENDIPITY 25 (D,F) (J Dalby) J Dunlop 8-7 ... W Carson 92
302 (3) 1-0 GOLD DISC 39 (G) (R Abdulla) B Hills 9-6 ... B Doyle 89
303 (7) 6254-05 NAISSANT 14 (Sheikh Marwan Al-Maktoum) C Brittain 8-10 ... G Duffield –
304 (6) 330-303 BAILEYS FIRST 14 (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-9 ... L Dettori 90
305 (2) 04-51 CARIBBEAN DANCER 18 (F) (W Scott) M Stoute 8-8 ... L Charnock 97
306 (8) 3329-62 RUSSIAN RASCAL 12 (G) (C Stevens) T Easterby 8-4 ... A Mackay 95
307 (1) 50-4225 CLASSIC COLOURS 7 (Classic Bloodstock) R Harris 8-3 ... K Fallon 96
308 (5) 06-021 FAIRYWINGS 14 (D,F) (L & A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 8-3 ... K Darley 95

BETTING: 7-4 Serendipity, 9-4 Caribbean Dancer, 5-1 Fairywings, 6-1 Gold Disc, 7-1 Baileys First, 10-1 Russian Rascal, 12-1 others.

1995: ROKEBY BOWL 8-12 L Dettori (10-1) I Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SERENDIPITY beat North Song 4l in a 6-runner maiden auction at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). GOLD DISC 14l last of 7 to Regal Archive in a 12-runner maiden at Beverley (1m, good). Previously conditions race at Sandown (1m, good). Previously beat Alamber 2½l in a 12-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good). NAISSANT about 7l 5th of 9 to Marignano in a maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). CARIBBEAN DANCER beat Time Of Night head in a 9-runner rated stakes at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). RUSSIAN RASCAL ¾l 2nd of 18 to Winston in a handicap at Newcastle (1m, good). FAIRYWINGS beat Daira short-head in a 10-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) with BAILEYS FIRST (3lb better off) ¾l 3rd
Selection: CARIBBEAN DANCER (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs		JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	
M Stoute	10	33	30.3	D Griffiths	4	9	44.4
B Hanbury	8	29	27.6	Pat Eddery	4	13	30.8
J Pearce	5	21	23.8	L Dettori	26	111	23.4
J Dunlop	9	38	23.7	K Fallon	35	163	21.5
J Gosden	7	31	22.6	W Carson	6	29	20.7

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,B,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. O — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. Weight. 6F — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm. good to firm. hard. G — good. S — soft. good to soft. heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 FERRYBRIDGE FLYERS MAIDEN STAKES (£3,631: 6f) (14 runners)

401 (10) 0 NULLAHS PET 10 (J Laney) A Streeter 4-9-2 ... S D Williams –
402 (4) 0-0 SPANDREL 36 (Major M Wyatt) R Curtis 4-9-2 ... C Rutter –
403 (14) 60 ARCH ENEMY 10 (BF) (P Savill) M Channon 3-9-0 ... K Darley 66
404 (3) DATUM (HRH Prince Faisal Salman) M Bell 3-9-0 ... M Fenton –
405 (11) 223-5 DETACHMENT 10 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-0 ... B Thomson 95
406 (5) 3 DUEL AT DAWN 10 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 ... L Dettori 89
407 (13) 4 WELSH EMBLEM 13 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-8-9 ... M Hills 85
408 (8) 0 BENT RAINBAND 10 (H Salem) B Hanbury 3-8-9 ... J Stack (3) –
409 (12) 0 BLUE JUMBO 13 (Anglesy Stud Ltd) W Musson 3-8-9 ... R Price –
410 (1) 322-3 DARK DEED 40 (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 91
411 (6) GRETNA GREEN (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) Lady Herries 3-8-9 ... Declan O'Shea –
412 (9) 5- HAMILTON GOLD 355 (Haydock Edmbtsons) M Meagher 3-8-9 R Studholme (7) –
413 (2) 5-5 MERRILY 8 (Miss B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 3-8-9 ... K Fallon 84
414 (7) TARAGONA (Mrs C Lockett) R Hollinshead 3-8-9 ... D Griffiths (5) –

BETTING: 5-2 Duel At Dawn, 3-1 Dark Deed, 9-2 Detachment, 6-1 Welsh Emblem, 7-1 Gretna Green, 8-1 others

1995: COURAGEOUS DANCER 3-9-6 J O'Dwyer (7-4 fav) P Harbury 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCH ENEMY 11l last of 9 to Chalice in maiden auction at Doncaster (5f, good). DETACHMENT 12l 5th of 13 to Sandhill in maiden at Haydock (7f, good to soft) Previously neck and 4l 3rd of 7 to Royal Mark in maiden at Ayr (7f, good). DUEL AT DAWN short head and 3¼l 3rd of 11 to Pussy Street in maiden at Warwick (7f, good) with NULLAHS PET 21l 10th. WELSH EMBLEM 5l 4th of 13 to Slip Jig in a maiden at Salisbury (7f, soft) with BLUE JUMBO 16l 10th. BENT RAINBAND 26l last of 11 to My Lessona in maiden at Kempton (1m, good to soft) DARK DEED 6½l 3rd of 12 to Major Duality in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). Selection: DUEL AT DAWN

4.45 ROPERGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,193. 1m 2f 6yd) (12 runners)

501 (9) 546 AMBASSADOR 28 (M Al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 98
502 (1) 00 CHARNWOOD JACK 38 (T Dawson) R Harris 9-0 ... A Mackay –
503 (7) 0-0 ELASHATH 48 (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 ... W Carson –
504 (8) FITZWILLIAM (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 ... L Dettori –
505 (10) 00 GHUSIN 15 (H Al-Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 9-0 ... R Hills –
506 (4) 3-0 LAKELINE LEGEND 49 (J Sung) M Jarvis 9-0 ... Emma O'Gorman 89
507 (12) MR GOLD (Haggswood Partnership) Ronald Thompson 9-0 ... T Williams –
508 (11) 04-0 NORTHERN JUDGE 28 (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-0 ... J Stack (3) 81
509 (6) 504-55 ROBAMASET 30 (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-0 ... K Darley 92
510 (3) UPPER GALLERY (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... B Thomson –
511 (5) FLAMANDA (Dayspring Company Ltd) C Britain 8-9 ... B Doyle –
512 (2) 00- SING AND DANCE 218 (Mrs N Naper) E Weymes 8-9 ... K Fallon –

BETTING: 9-4 Upper Gallery, 4-1 Lakeline Legend, 5-1 Ambassador, 6-1 Elashath, 7-1 Northern Judge, 10-1 Robamaset, 12-1 others.

1995: KUTTA 9-0 W Carson (9-4 fav) R Armstrong 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMBASSADOR 21¼l 4th of 15 to Dovaly in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start with ROBAMASET 3l 5th CHARNWOOD JACK 15l 10th of 17 to Hugwity in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good) ELASHATH 31l 10th of 12 to Election Day in maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good) GHUSIN 22l 7th of 12 to Private Song in a maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). LAKELINE LEGEND 6½l 8th of 10 to Sherpa in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) ROBAMASET 6¼l 5th of 12 to Coral Reef in conditions race at Rome (1m 3f, soft) UPPER GALLERY Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to French winner Elite Guest
Selection: AMBASSADOR

5.15 IRONBRIDGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,013: 1m 4f 8yd) (11 runners)

601 (6) 06-0016 ORINOCO RIVER 18 (V,D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7 ... K Darley 91
602 (4) 31-12 GROUND GAME 18 (BF,F,G) (Mrs P Fenwick) D Loder 9-6 ... L Dettori 89
603 (11) 5231-50 MOSEY NATIVE 17 (F) (J Fuilong) J Pearce 8-4 ... G Bardwell 90
604 (1) 31 LORD OF THE MANOR 15 (G) (Mrs J Trotter) M Johnston 9-4 ... J Weaver 96
605 (8) 4-06251 EXACTLY 16 (D,G) (F Thornton) J Eyre 9-1 ... T Williams 97
606 (5) 005-3 CEILIDH STAR 45 (J Grant) B Hills 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 91
607 (7) 000- SKRAM 245 (W Evans) R Dickin 8-7 ... Dale Gibson –
608 (9) 25-00 THE BOOZING BRIEF 22 (Mrs A Green) M Jarvis 8-7 ... P Robinson 92
609 (10) 0040-0 RECALL TO MIND 22 (M Easterby) T Easterby 8-4 ... K Fallon 86
610 (3) 00-0400 NORTHERN MOTTO 15 (BF) (Mrs A Ries) Mrs J Ramsden 7-11 ... L Charnock 91
611 (2) 40040 FALCON'S FLAME B (BF) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10 ... N Kennedy 87

BETTING: 9-4 Ground Game, 7-2 Exactly, 5-1 Orinoco River, 6-1 Lord Of The Manor, 8-1 Ceilidh Star, 10-1 Falcon's Flame, 12-1 others.

1995: DONT SHOOT FAIRIES 8-11 B Doyle (11-1) C Britain 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ORINOCO RIVER best Leading Spirit 4l in 10-runner handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good) penultimate start. GROUND GAME 2l 2nd of 20 to Niknaks Nephew in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm) LORD OF THE MANOR beat She's Simply Great 8l in 4-runner maiden auction at Musselburgh (1m 3f, good) EXACTLY beat Mental Pressure 2½l in 8-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). CEILIDH STAR 3½l 3rd of 11 to Tessayoe in rated stakes at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: GROUND GAME

5.45 ROPERGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II 3-Y-O: £3,176: 1m 2f 6yd) (11 runners)

1 (11) 0 GOLD LANCE 7 (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... K Fallon 84
2 (7) MAJLOOH (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori –
3 (9) MAMOODAJ (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ... M Humphries (5) –
4 (2) 0 NEXUS STAR 10 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 9-0 ... P Roberts (5) –
5 (10) 03 RANDOM KINDNESS 15 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 ... G Hind 91
6 (4) 2632-0 SKILLINGTON 17 (G Shawdridge) I Balding 9-0 ... M Hills 89
7 (6) 53-520 THREE HILLS 27 (BF) (R Abdullah) B Hills 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 95
8 (3) 65 AMUSING ASIDE 17 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-9 ... J Carroll 87
9 (8) SECRET GIFT (A Ali) B Hanbury 8-9 ... P Bloomfield –
10 (1) SUFUF (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 8-9 ... W Carson –
11 (5) 4 TABL 18 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 ... R Hills 87

BETTING: 3-1 Three Hills, 4-1 Tabl, 9-2 Mallooh, 5-1 Skillington, 6-1 Gold Lance, 8-1 others

1995: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

RANDOM KINDNESS 7½l 3rd of 12 to Private Song in Bath maiden (1m 2f, good). SKILLINGTON 18l 8th of 12 to Harbour Duet in Newbury maiden (1m 2f, soft) THREE HILLS 3l 2nd of 10 to Prize Giving in Newmarket handicap (1m 2f good to firm) penultimate start. TABL 9l 4th of 8 to Chief Barundi in Thirsk maiden (1m good to firm).
Selection: THREE HILLS

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.30 Stoney End. 3.00 No Sympathy. 3.30 Chinensis. 4.00 General Mouktar. 4.30 Araboybill. *5.00 Divine Quest. 5.30 Sharp Pearl.*

The Private Handicapper's top rating: **5.00 HISMAGICMOMENT.**

GOING: FIRM
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST
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2.30 MOULSECOOMB MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,070: 5f 213yd) (7 runners)

1 (4) 0406 BLUE SUEDE HOOFS 15 (B) B Meehan 9-0 M Tebbutt 93
2 (7) 40-0 EXTRA HOUR 42 W Muir 9-0 ... W J O'Connor 85
3 (3) 56-5 STATOYORK 49 B Hills 9-0 ... A Clark 98
4 (5) 504 STONE ISLAND B C Cyzer 9-0 ... T Quinn 96
5 (1) -055 STONEY END 11 M Channon 9-0 ... R Hughes 89
6 (6) 00- EMBRODERED 211 R Flower 8-9 ... D Biggs –
7 (2) -344 SOLO SYMPHONY 40 P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 R Havlin (5) 92

9-4 Statoyork, 3-1 Blue Suede Hoofs, Stoney End, 5-1 Solo Symphony, 6-1 others

3.00 PEACEHAVEN APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,405: 6f 209yd) (13)

1 (3) -034 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 13 (F) A Jarvis 5-9-10 K Hopkins (5) 92
2 (1) 0116 FORT KNOX 69 (B,CD,F,G) R Flower 5-9-7 ... R Smith 89
3 (9) 0/30 HANG A RIGHT 11 (D,F,G) C Dwyer 9-9-2 Nicola Cole (5) 80
4 (2) -005 FORGOTTEN DANCER 6 (S) R Ingram 5-8-13 ... R Mullen 90
5 (5) 0481 POINTER 13 (D,S) Mrs P Dethridge 4-8-11 ... A Lallemand 92
6 (6) 0-06 COURTING NEWMARKET 39 (D,F,G) N Babbage 8-8-10 ... R Cody-Boutcher (5) 97
7 (8) 0310 NO SYMPATHY 5 (CD,F) G L Moore 3-8-10 J Carroll (5) 98
8 (7) 0000 ASTERIX 10 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 8-8-7 ... C Lowther 92
9 (4) -000 THE BUTTERWICK KID 25 (B,G) R Fahey 3-8-5 R Pocock 92
10 (10) -000 VICTORY COMMANDER 12 T Naughton 3-8-4 ... Rachael Moody (5) 93
11 (13) 00/0 LITTLE GENT 17 J Long 5-8-4 ... T Field –
12 (12) 000- DISCLIGHTS GIFT 224 P Burgoyne 4-7-12 ... J Bosley (5) –
13 (11) 0000 OPENING RANGE 11 (B) N Berry 5-7-12 ... C Scudder 80

7-2 Pointer, 4-1 Courting Newmarket, 9-2 Forgotten Dancer, 5-1 Chairmans Choice, 7-1 Fort Knox, 10-1 No Sympathy, The Butterwick Kid, 12-1 others.

3.30 BRIGHTON MILE CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Handicap: £4,092: 7f 214yd) (7)

1 (5) 0-00 CAPTAIN'S DAY 12 (F,G) T Mills 4-9-10 ... Mark Lynch 95
2 (2) 3610 SOOTY TERN 6 (CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 9-9-6 S Drowne (3) 98
3 (3) 6511 REBEL COUNTY 7 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 3-8-13 (5ex) T Quinn 93
4 (1) 503 CHINENSIS 10 L Cumani 3-8-12 ... O Urbina 94
5 (7) 4104 PERILOUS PLIGHT 5 (C,D,F,G) W Muir 5-8-12 ... J-P Lopez 97
6 (6) 2234 COLLEGE NIGHT 5 C Dwyer 4-8-2 ... Iona Wands (7) 97
7 (4) 0000 HELIOS 15 (C,F,S) N Wallen 8-8-2 ... J Quinn 96

5-2 Chinensis, 3-1 Rebel County, 4-1 Captain's Day, 5-1 Perilous Plight, 7-1 College Night, 10-1 Helios, 14-1 Sooty Tern

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Pontefract: 3.15 Hunza Story. Brighton: 3.00 The Butterwick Kid. 4.00 Achilles Heel.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester
Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 8yd) 1, SCOTTISH PARK (S Sanders, 7-1). 2, Return To Brighton (S Drowne, 25-1). 3, Blockade (M Fenton, 4-1). ALSO RAN 3-1 fav Nashaat, 5 Richard House Lad, 6 First Gold, 12 Miss Charlie (5th), 16 Evening Brigadier, 25 Danny Ryde (6th), Sporting Risk, Tony's Miss (4th), 33 Cherry Mune, 50 Mcinlo, 66 Pats Folly, Read My Lips 15 ran ½l, 1¾l, 1½l, 3½l, ½l, J L Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £8.10; £2.80, £17.30, £1.70 DF £318.60. Trio: £321.30 CSF: £160.50

2.45 (7f 9yd) 1, BEWITCHING (S Sanders, 14-1); 2, Miss Universal (B Doyle, 11-4), 3, West Humble (Pat Eddery, 3-1). ALSO RAN-9-4 fav Najiya (4th), 6 Inner Circle (6th), 9 More Than You Know (5th) 6 ran 1½l, 2½l, nk, 3½l, 4l J Toller at Newmarket. Tote: £9.30: £1.40, £1.60 DF: £22.10 CSF: £49.21

3.15 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, IN THE MONEY (F Lynch, 14-1). 2, Daily Sport Girl (M Baird, 8-1). 3, Pip's Dream (D Biggs, 8-1); 4, Nordansk (N Varley, 7-1). ALSO RAN 6-1 fav Saltando, Uncharted Waters (5th), Western Playboy, 10 Cilbumel News (6th), Slapy Dam, 11 Admirals Secret, 16 Solalium, 20 Sacred Mirror, Stevie's Wonder, 33 Pennine Wind, Triple Tie, 50 Lawful Love. 16 ran. Sh hd, 1¼l, 3½l, 1¾l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £23.10; £5.40, £2.70, £2.20, £1.20 DF: £39.50 Trio: £214.60 CSF: £121.92 Tricast: £908.50.

3.45 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, PARSA (Pat Eddery, 5-11). 2, Shaiha (Dane O'Neill, 10-1); 3, Budby (R Hills, 3-1 fav); 4, Tart (J Reid, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Brentsabby, 15-2 Double Up, 8 Arabian Heights, 14 Jelali, Seventh Edition, Silverdale Knight (6th), 16 Dramatic Act, 20 Ordained (5th), Sharp Command, 25 Blueberry Fields, 33 Indura Mudawa, Needwood Ep

RUGBY UNION

Cooke in line to add spice at Bedford

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GEOFF COOKE, whose management skills helped to carry England to successive grand slams, could return to active participation in the sport if a special general meeting of Bedford's membership agrees on a restructuring of the club tomorrow.

Bedford have reached an agreement in principle to appoint Cooke as part-time director of rugby, and, with him, the mercurial Paul Turner who, as player-coach, has done so much to revitalise Sale.

However, their plans depend upon their 1,300 members accepting a joint venture with Sports Network Europe, a promotional firm that is prepared to inject £2.25 million into Bedford over the next five years, allowing the club to overhaul its administrative structure, in return for a 50 per cent shareholding.

The need for such an overhaul was emphasised by Bedford's struggles in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship last season. Though promoted as champions of the third division, they were unable to attract new blood and ended at the foot of the table, surviving only because relegation was suspended.

"What we are looking for is street credibility, to get people back into Bedford," Ian Bullerwell, the chairman, said.

The ability to offer Cooke and Turner as a potential package to members would be convincing evidence that the club means business.

Cooke resigned as England team manager in 1994, after nearly seven years in office, and, if he agreed terms with Bedford, would remain as chief executive of the National Coaching Foundation. Turner is still in dispute with Sale over his contract, which was terminated in May, although members are expected to voice their criticism of his dismissal at the annual meeting next week.

TENNIS: CHAMPION BOWS OUT AFTER ENTHRALLING ENCOUNTER

Stich strips Muster of clay-court crown

DAVID MILLER



At the French Open in Paris

THERE are days when Michael Stich, the Wimbledon champion of 1991, can appear one of the most talented and complete players in the game, others when he is humdrum and insignificant. Yesterday was one of the former.

In the finest match of this year's French Open championships by far, Stich defeated Thomas Muster, the defending champion, to reach the men's singles quarter-finals. Muster, seeded No 2 compared with Stich at No 15, was so comprehensively outwitted tactically that, when it was all over, he was not really sure how it had happened. He was reluctant to acknowledge how skilful Stich at times had been.

Losing the first set and seeming likely to be overpowered, Stich stealthfully took the next two and came from 5-2 down in the fourth, crushing Muster in the tie-break by 7-1, to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6. It was, in its way, as shrewdly executed an upset as when Arthur Ashe felled Jimmy Connors in the 1975 Wimbledon final.

Here was the clay-court master waiting at one end of the court, like some demon spider, for his opponent to reveal any sign of weakness, then to devour him mercilessly. Yet, to Muster's surprise, and ultimate dismay, it was Stich who wove the web.

Under a glorious summer sky of forget-me-not blue and drifting cumulus that would have inspired Van Gogh, there were single points, never mind single games, that were each a story in themselves, points of such spellbinding contrast in styles, such recovery and counter-attack by both players, that the prolonged applause on the Suzanne Lenglen Court would echo around the grounds of Roland Garros.

To neutralise Muster's power, Stich played every shot in the book, especially the fading backhand that gave Muster no pace with which to reply. Stich would keep his opponent on the baseline, push him from side to side, then hit sharp, flat forehands down the line or dipping cross-court backhands. He would further tease the robotic Austrian with devilish drop shots, so that, by the time Stich broke back for 5-4 in the fourth set, the muscular Muster was looking like the one recovering from injury.

"I didn't expect to get so far," Stich, who had badly damaged an ankle early in the season, said. "I didn't know if I should go to France and maybe look like an idiot or whether to get ready for Wimbledon. My game is based on serve and I had to serve well ... not let him make me run, but to make him run."

Muster was hitting most of his looping, top-spin forehands too short. Less often, they would fall as deep as they usually do on other, better days, landing on the baseline, where they obliged his opponent to play what is almost a half-volley — and therefore uncontrolled — leaving Muster a winner on his next stroke. Instead, it was Muster who was having to chase.

Yet so fine were both players repeatedly cutting their margin that there was a profusion of net-cords, the ball repeatedly clipping the tape. Willingly, they put pressure on themselves in this thrilling duel.

JACKY NAEGELEN



Stich celebrates his momentous win against Muster yesterday

In Muster's eyes, he lost only because he was not his normal dominant self. It hurts to admit the other man might have been better. Stich gently suggested that perhaps he played too well for the world's recent No 1.

"I think he was feeling a little weak, under pressure," Stich said, "because he didn't have tough matches [earlier in the tournament]. I know he doesn't like to play me. Maybe he was not on top because I played different from anyone else."

Although Stich tended to hit one double fault for every three aces, his persistence in getting to the net, the more Muster became disorganised, progressively brought reward from the second set onwards. Although Muster broke for 3-2 in the second set, Stich immediately broke back and took the set to level the match on his third set-point, four times coming into the net.

The third set ran away from Muster, but he was reinvigorated at the beginning of the fourth, leading 3-0 in a game that contained two stupendous rallies. Yet Stich's volleying was becoming a crucial factor. At 5-4, Muster was warned for verbal abuse, but no amount of swearing could not halt the German's winning streak.

In the quarter-finals, Stich, who thus continues this year's advance of the serve-and-volley players, meets the surviving Frenchman, Cedric Pioline, who yesterday made short work of the promising young Marcelo Rios, of Chile, in their fourth-round encounter.

Goran Ivanisevic, the Croatian who is moody even on his good days, slumped to defeat against Bernd Karbacher, of Germany, depressed by a bad blister, which had been sustained beforehand, and an early fall. Karbacher won in straight sets and now meets Marc Rosset, of Switzerland. Sadly, the Indian summer of Stefan Edberg was brought to an abrupt halt when he failed to take a set off Rosset.

RADIO CHOICE

Sour notes in desert song

Tales from the Back of Beyond. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

Paradoxically, high hopes outdo low spirits among the members of the expedition of young, inexperienced adventurers who head for the Sahara — "the biggest beach in the world" — in a truck not designed for sand. "You either do, or you die," says their leader as minor and major disasters occur: "there's no calling out the AA." No calling out an ambulance either, though one of the party forgets that. He wanders off into a minefield to answer a call of nature. "What a prat!" he says of himself. Nobody contradicts him. There is an explorers' prayer that goes: "Lord, I am going: please let me come back." Divine ears must have been constantly cocked during this Saharan escapade.

The Queen of Revenge. *Radio 4, 3.00pm.*

Satisfying the increasingly sophisticated demands of listeners, radio sound effects experts abandoned the box of peas that made rain, and the coconut halves that pretended they were horses' hoofs. The rattling door-handle took longer to go. *The Queen of Revenge* has a sound effect so sickening that I would have felt most unwell had I been plucking a bone at the time. We hear a schoolgirl snipping off her fingers with scissors. Tove Granqvist's dark play about vengeance has been translated from the Finnish by Lotte Troupp. Naomi Kirbel, who is 16, plays the self-mutilator. I felt the pain in her voice as well as in her hand.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat**7.00** Evening Session, with Unsuei Yatsura and Lush in session **9.00** Cling Film with Mark Kermode **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd **4.00am** Clive Warren with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** Explorer II (3/6) **9.00** I Wanna Be Loved By You. Radio 2 celebrates what would have been Marilyn Monroe's 70th birthday **10.00** Ironic Maidens (4/6) (r) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl **10.35** News from Europe and **11.30** Environment News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05pm** Rupsoe on Five, with Mark Whitaker **4.00** Nationwide, incl **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **7.35** Inside Edge — Race Special, with Jac Baines **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Double Jeopardy **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Landmark Games **9.00** News in German **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Hoop **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Meridian Feature **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** One Foot in the Grave **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack. Hit List **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** One Foot in the Grave **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Lets Go **12.30** Megamix **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian (On Screen) **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Margaret Howard **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Telemann (Concerto in E minor for flute, recorder and strings); Verdi (Overture: Nabucco); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D); Kodaly (Suite: Hary Janos)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Smetana (Richard III); Mozart (Piano Sonata in D, K576), Handel (Cantata: Cecilia, volgi un sguardo)

10.00 Musical Encounters (Music Live on Tour). Nicola Heywood Thomas visits Abergavenny and is joined by the vocal quartet, Cantabile, and the flute and harp duo, Emily and Catherine Beynon

10.00 Cantabile **10.15** Alwyn (Naiades for flute and harp); Bax (Sonatina for flute and harp) **10.50** Cantabile **11.00** Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet); Borne (Carmen Fantasy for flute and harp), Mansel Thomas (Cennin Aur) **11.50** Cantabile. Plus recordings of *Artist of the Week*: Geraint Evans singing Verdi, Mozart, Handel, Donizetti and Mussorgsky

12.00 Composer of the Week: Böhm, Bruhns and Buxtehude

1.00pm The Sky at Lunchtime (Music Live on Tour). Live from St John's Methodist Church in Llandudno Includes Purcell, arr Britten (I'll sail upon a dog star), Schubert (Memnon, Standchen, D889), Ireland (The Trellis), Walton (Through gilded trellises), Parry (Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?), Barber (Sure on this shining night); Rangstrom (Wings in the night)

2.00 Schools Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Listen!

3.00 American Tales. Live from the Royal Pavilion, Llangollen Copland (Suite: Billy the Kid); Bernstein (Symphonic Dances, West Side Story); Gershwin (Porgy and Bess)

4.55 Degas: His Ideas and His Art (3/5)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune (Music Live on Tour). Geraint Lewis presents a special live edition from Aberystwyth. Including Dilys Elwyn Edwards (Yr Arglwydd yw fy Mugail); Barlok (Rondo No 1 on Hungarian Folk Tunes); Mathias (In Arcadia)

7.30 The King's Singers (Music Live on Tour). Live from St David's Hall in Cardiff. Gorecki (Totus Tuus); Byrd (A selection of motets), Italian madrigals by Gesualdo, Monteverdi and others **8.20** Silver Stream and Golden Sands **8.40** Concert Part 2. Glasser (Lalela zulu)

9.40 Flavours of Eden. Plums (2/5)

10.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Tan Dun and Jerzy Maksymiuk Tan Dun (Orchestral Theatre III, Cage (The Seasons)

10.45 Night Waves, with Richard Coles

11.30 Composer of the Week: Richard Rodney Bennett (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Alyn Shipton

1.00 Night School

2.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Shelf Lives. Business Class (r) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00 News; Tales from the Back of Beyond (**FM** only). See Choice (1/6)

10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (**LW** only)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts returns with a new series. This week he witnesses medical experts learning how to stand up to a countroom grilling

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Malcolm

12.25pm Quote... Unquote. Joining Nigel Rees are Christina Gorna, Bob Monkhouse, Michael White and Terry Wogan **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: The Queen of Revenge. See Choice

2.30 Striking Chords. Susan Ward talks to the Blur producer Stephen Street. The Penguin Café Orchestra leader Simon Jeffes and the jazz singer Miriam Montgomery (2/6)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, presented by Dame Brenda

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads Irving Welsh's controversial new novel Ecstasy — A Chemical Romance and sees the Golden Age of Northumbria exhibition in Newcastle

4.45 Short Story: Fish by Michele Roberts

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Ballykenon. A new series of the comedy drama by Christopher Fitz-Simon set in Ballykenon Co Donegal. With Sheila McCluskey, Margaret O'Brien, and T F McKenna (1 of 13)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4, with Richard Watson

8.00 Science Now. Peter Evans looks at the future of weather forecasting (r)

8.30 The Network. Alun Lewis asks whether a virtual world can make real money

9.00 In Touch. Tom Sanninger with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59 Weather**

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Bookshop. Maggie Steed reads Penelope Fitzgerald's novel (1 of 10)

11.00 Medium wave (r)

11.30 Knowing Their Place (**FM** only). Personal views, investigations and comments on parenting and child care techniques and attitudes (2 of 3) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (**LW** only)

12.00 News and **12.27am** Sports Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Last Girl, by Fenoosha Eyan. Read by Warren Mitchell (6 of 6) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6. LW 198. MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053. **1089 Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson and Jane Gregory**

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): London 7 Barcelona 8

ATHLETICS

NEWPORT: Welsh championships (winners): 100m: T Rutherford (Cardiff) 10.96sec. **200m:** D Turner (Cardiff) 21.99. **400m:** J Lloyd (Swansea) 48.29. **800m:** D Maynard (Belgrave) 1m 54.75sec. **1,500m:** J Ellis-Smith (Regale Pnory) 3:50.71. **5,000m:** S Brace (Bridgend) 14:33.17. **10,000m:** D Renn (Bridgend) 29:54.12. **3,000m steeplechase:** P Cook (Cardiff) 9:33.21. **110m hurdles:** J Archampong (Swansea) 14.3. **400m hurdles:** M Gray (Cardiff) 52.8. **High jump:** M Perry (Cardiff) 2.06m. **Pole vault:** N Winter (Shaftesbury Barnet) 5.25m (championship record). **Long jump:** A Malcolm (City of Salisbury) 7.32m. **Triple jump:** C Madeira Cole (Carmarthen) 14.04m. **Shot:** A Turner (Crawley) 14.11m. **Discus:** Turner 44.78m. **Hammer:** A Palmer (Cardiff) 57.26m. **Javelin:** S Loughran (Swansea) 58.02. **10km walk:** C Bradley (Lisweny) 48.21.67. **Women: 100m:** G Davies (Gloucester) 12.99. **200m:** Davies 25.79. **400m:** K Bright (Newport) 56.60. **800m:** H Parry (Swansea) 2:06.51. **1,500m:** Parry 4:28.40. **5,000m:** A Mair (Newport) 17:32.8. **100m hurdles:** B Edwards (Cardiff) 14.0. **400m hdls:** A Layzell (Cheltenham) 58.92 (championship record). **High jump:** T Andrews (Presell) 1.65m. **Pole vault:** R Clarke (Essex Ladies) 3.65m (Welsh record, UK junior record and championship record). **Long jump:** N Shon (Torfaen) 5.74m. **Shot:** S Brannan (Wrexham) 11.46m. **Discus:** P Rolles (Swansea) 45.14m. **Hammer:** S Moore (Bristol) 52.90m (championship record). **Javelin:** O Amadi (Cardiff) 48.34m. **5km walk:** S Woodcock (Bridgend) 29.39.16

SHEFFIELD: North of England Championships (winners): Men: 100m: A Condon (Sale) 10.66sec. **200m:** Condon 20.97 (championship record). **400m:** D Nolan (Belgrave) 47.03. **800m:** A Mansell (Morpeth) 1m 52.30sec. **1,500m:** D Staniforth (Wakefield) 3:49.65. **5,000m:** P Freary (Bolton) 14.05.43. **10,000m:** T Nutt (Morpeth) 30.49.48. **3000m steeplechase:** M Jubb (Derby and County) 8.54.53. **110m hurdles:** M Nicholson (Bechetal) 14.53. **400m hurdles:** C Rowinson (Belgrave) 50.88 (championship record). **10km walk:** N Barnable (Sheffield RWC) 52.04.05. **High Jump:** I Holiday (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2.15m. **Pole vault:** A Aghurst (Sale) 5.10m. Long jump: P Johnson (Birchfield) 7.25m. Triple jump: J Hilton (Sale) 14.92m. Shot: J Muirhead (Liverpool) 16.22m. Discus: R Russell (Sale) 52.80m. Hammer: D Smith (North Eastern Hammer School) 65.26m. Javelin: S Hamson (Blackheath) 64.36m. **Women: 100m:** S Douglas (Sale) 11.65sec. **200m:** S Rawlinson (Rotherham) 24.10. **400m:** S Rawlinson (Rotherham) 54.59. **800m:** M Faherty (Skyrac) 2mn 7.13sec. **1,500m:** V Lawrence (Blackpool and Fylde) 4:22.72. **5,000m:** H Heasman (Horwich) 16:00.86. **100m hurdles:** D Allahgreen (Liverpool) 13.48. **400m hurdles:** L Fraser (Trafford) 57.85 (57.7 heat, championship record). **High jump:** L S Jones (Wigan) 1.80m. **Pole vault:** R Foster (Barnsley) 2.50m. **Long jump:** A Brooks (City of Hull) 6.06m. **Triple jump:** M Still (Wakefield) 12.03m (championship record). **Shot:** C Bennett (Hull Springhead) 12.52m. **Discus:** R Hopgood (Hallamshire) 45.96m. **Hammer:** S Burns-Salmond (Trafford) 48.80m. **Javelin:** J King (Trafford) 49.56m. **5km walk:** C Charnock (Barrow and Furness Strollers) 25'01.01

CRYSTAL PALACE: South of England championships: Men: 200m: C Edmunds (Thames Valley Harriers) 21.32sec. **400m:** A Patrick (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 46.29. **800m:** J Swift-Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 1mn 53.65sec. **B race:** D Hall (Highgate) 1.50.70. **1,500m:** A Duke (Thames Valley Harriers) 3.50.22. **3,000m steeplechase:** N Nash (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 8.43.21. **110m hurdles:** M Stern (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14.45. **400m hurdles:** L Lynch (Haringey) 50.40. **High jump:** R Aspden (Belgrave) 2.10m. **Triple jump:** T Fasanro (Haringey) 15.97m. **Hammer:** P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles) 66.02m. **Javelin:** T Ratcliffe (Dacorum and Tring) 66.78m. **3km walk:** G Wilton (Brighton and Hove) 12.42.76. **Women: 200m:** E Reinalda (Essex Ladies) 23.69. **400m:** L Keough-Staines (Basingstoke and Mid Hants) 53.44. **800m:** J Mitchell (Croydon) 2mn 4.87sec. **3,000m:** M Myers (Parkside Harrow) 9.36.10. **100m hurdles:** M Wilkins (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 13.89. **400m hurdles:** L Brunning (Sutton) 57.34. **Pole vault:** L Schramm (Epsom and Ewell) 3.40m. **Long jump:** E Ghojeta (Epsom and Ewell) 5.84m. **Shot:** M Augee (Bromley Ladies) 16.17m. **Discus:** S Drew (Sutton) 54.22m. **3km walk:** C van Doorn (Sutton) 16.17.61

BIRMINGHAM: Midland championships (winners): Men: 200m: A Walcott (Belgrave) 21.54sec. **800m:** J Mayo (Cannock and Stafford) 1mn 49.82sec. **1,500m:** S Wheo (Coventry Godiva) 3.47.27. **5,000m:** S Cotton (Beaumont Leys) 14.21.78. **3,000m steeplechase:** R Plant (Tipton) 9.03.89. **400m hurdles:** P Hibbert (Birchfield) 51.89. **Triple jump:** K Stennett (Cheltenham) 14.84m. **Shot:** M Fox (City of Stoke) 14.78m. **Discus:** G Smith (Solihull and Small Heath) 60.14m. **Javelin:** D Wilson (Tipton) 61.28m. **Women: 200m:** S Tunaley (Notts) 24.11. **1,500m:** R Makepeace (Charnwood) 4.26.34. **400m hurdles:** J Peet (Bristol) 63.51. **High jump:** K Jury (Wakefield) 1.78m. **Long jump:** J White (Tamworth) 6.03m

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago 4 Detroit 2 (first game), Chicago 13 Detroit 5 (second game) Toronto 5 Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 6 Cleveland 11 Texas 5, Minnesota 6, California 1 Baltimore 14; Oakland 4 New York 11; Seattle 3 Boston 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 1 San Francisco 8 Philadelphia 9 San Diego 8 (12 innings); Pittsburgh 5 Colorado 2, New York 0 Los Angeles 1, St Louis 2 Houston 0, Florida 3 Chicago 2; Cincinnati 2 Atlanta 6.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Playoffs: Finals: Western Conference: Seattle 90 Utah 86 (Seattle win best-of-seven series 4-3 and will play Chicago in NBA Finals)

BOWLS

STOKE MANDEVILLE: British wheelchair championships: Men: singles: First round: B Bagnall (N Ire) bt J Hall (Eng) 21-7, W Curran (Eng) bt C Russell (Scot) 21-2, J Warham (Eng) bt J T Robertson (Scot) 21-14, K Woolmore (Wales) bt D Wise (Eng) 21-6, M Vicary (Eng) bt I Prior (Scot) 21-13, G Rudgeon (Eng) bt J Miskelly (N Ire) 21-10, B Behan (Eng) bt T Clark (Eng) 21-16, K Bridgeman (Wales) bt R Hacker (Eng) 21-12, J G Robertson (Scot) bt A Wallace (Eng) 21-8, J Hunter (N Ire) bt D Adams (Eng) 21-9; T McCarthy (Eng) bt M Fowler (Scot) 21-13, C Gibson (Wales) bt P Powell (Eng) 21-5, R Harwood (Eng) bt A Kennedy (N Ire) 21-2; A Black (Scot) bt B Hunter (Eng) 21-8, C Gulley (Wales) bt D Peacock (Eng) 21-20, R Farnath (Eng) bt J Sellar (Scot) 21-17

CRICKET

CRICKETER CUP: First round: Old Ampleforthians 300-8, Lancing Rovers 201-5, Old Alleynians 237-9, Downside Wanderers 123, Old Wykehamists 159, Stowe Templars 117, Old Merchant Taylors 311-8, Old Tonbridgians 311-9 (OMT won missing lost fewer wickets), Haileybury Hornets 262-2, Sherborne Pilgrims 200, Old Whitgiftians 138, Felsted Rebels 140-2, Old Cholmeleians 164-7, Rugby Meteors 161, Old Wellingtonians 213, Uppingham Rovers 214-7, Old Cheltonians 119, Bradfield Waits 121-3, Marlborough Blues 218-7, St Edward's Martyrs 219-8, Old Brightonians 182-9, Old Citizens 170, Old Blundellsians 182-7, Reston Pilgrims 183-2, Cheveceaux Saracens 199-7, Old Westminsters 182, Old Malvernians 194, Harrow Wanderers 197-1, Eton Ramblers 202-9, Charterhouse Friars 203-7, Dundo Rovers 255-6, Radley Rangers 181

EQUESTRIANISM

HICKSTEAD: Nations Cup meeting. Enza Pacific Rose speed grand prix: 1, Conwell-hill Diamond (R Splurge (Ire) clear 76.13sec, 2 Jolly Boy (J Whitaker (GB) clear 77.48, 3 Shurlands Rascal (D Charlo (GB) clear 77.58. **Enza New Zealand** fault and out: 1, Blomily (E-J Mac (GB) clear 34.63, 2, Ashton (M Whitaker, GB) clear 35.06, 3 Jessie (E Doyle, Ire) clear, 35.47

LISBON: Nations Cup: 1 Great Britain 8 faults (jump off 8 in 119.5 sec) (Cathkin (N Skelton) 0-8, Sugrai (G Goosen) 12-0, Tip Top (J Fellon) 4-0, Togga Santa's Echo (T Stockdale) 0-4) 2 France 8 faults (jump off 8 in 121.16) 3, Switzerland 28

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

WORLD CUP: Europe: Qualifying group three: Norway 5 Azerbaijan 0. **Group six:** Yugoslavia 8 Malta 0. **Group seven:** San Marino 0 Wales 5. **Central American zone:** Belize: Belize 1 Panama 2. **South American zone:** Venezuela 1 Chile 1; Peru 1 Colombia 1; Uruguay 0 Paraguay 2; Ecuador 2 Argentina 0. **African zone: Preliminary round, first leg:** Burundi 1 Sierra Leone 0; Congo 2 Ivory Coast 0; Gambia 2 Liberia 1; Guinea Bissau 3 Guinea 2, Kenya 3 Algeria 1; Madagascar 1 Zimbabwe 2; Malawi 0 South Africa 1; Mauritania 0 Burkina Faso 0, Mauritius 1 Zaire 5, Namibia 2 Mozambique 0; Rwanda 1 Tunisia 3; Sudan 2 Zambia 0; Swaziland 0 Gabon 1; Togo 2 Senegal 1; Uganda 0 Angola 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Finland 1 Turkey 2; Denmark 1 Ghana 0. Russia 2 Poland 0

SPANISH LEAGUE: Promotion play-off, second leg: Albacete 0 Extremadura 1 (Extremadura win 2-0 on agg).

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Mogi Mirim 1 São Paulo 1, Juventus 1 Corinthians 1; Guarani 0 Rio Branco 0; Botafogo 2 XV de Jau 1, America 1 Aracatuba 0; Unuo São João 3 Fernovana 1, Portuguesa 2 Novorizontino 2. **Rio de Janeiro championship:** Olaria 2 America 0, Flamengo 2 Botafogo 2, Americano 1 Itaperuna 0

GOLF

DUBLIN, Ohio: Memorial tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): **274:** T Watson 70, 68, 66, 70. **276:** D Duval 72, 70, 67, 67. **278:** D Frost (SA) 73, 68, 70, 67, M O'Meara 71, 72, 68, 67. **279:** J Huston 74, 61, 71, 73. **280:** B Faxon 74, 72, 68, 66; M Hulbert 74, 68, 69, 69, D Love 76, 68, 65, 71, P Stankowski 73, 66, 67, 74. **E Els** (SA) 70, 67, 68, 75. **281:** F Zoeller 71, 69, 70, 71, S Lowery 67, 71, 71, 72. **282:** S Stricker 72, 70, 70, 70. **Other scores: 290:** S Elkington (Aus) 73, 72, 72, 73; P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 74, 70, 73, A Coltart (GB) 75, 69, 72, 74. **291:** W Grady (Aus) 75, 71, 69, 76. **296:** A Lyle (GB) 72, 74, 77, 73

SOUTHERN PINES: North Carolina: US Women's Open Championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): **272:** A Sorenstam (Swe) 70, 67, 69, 66. **278:** K Teichentier 70, 74, 68, 66. **280:** B Burton 70, 70, 69, 71, P Bradley 74, 70, 67, 69, J Geddes 71, 69, 70, 70. **281:** L Davies (GB) 74, 68, 70, 69. **282:** C Nedmark (Swe) 72, 73, 68, 69. **283:** L Neumann (Swe) 74, 69, 70, 70, V Skinner 74, 68, 71, 70, C Rarick 73, 70, 72, 68, T Green 72, 70, 69, 72. **284:** J Lepse 73, 70, 75, 66, 70. **285:** A Nicholas (GB) 74, 70, 74, 67. **286:** S Close (B) 72, 70, 74, 70, P Sheehan 74, 71, 72, 69, M Reegman 70, 73, 69, 74, M Will 71, 72, 70, 73, C Schreyer 74, 70, 70, 72. **287:** C Johnston-Forbes 72, 75, 71, 69, M Mallon 77, 68, 72, 70, W Ward 76, 68, 71, 72, K Webb (Aus) 74, 73, 68, 72, E Daniel 69, 78, 68, 72, M Hirase (Japan) 74, 69, 69, 75.

PORTHMADOG: Welsh Open youth championship: Leading final scores: 296: D Harris (Shrewsbury) 75, 71, 78, 71. **298:** H James (Radyr), 75, 73, 74, 76. P Hunt (Haverford West) 71, 76, 75, 76. **301:** A Campbell (Caerleon) 71, 76, 78, 76. **303:** M J Pilkington (Nelyn) 74, 74, 78, 77

ST ANDREWS: St Rule Trophy: Leading final scores: 227: A Lang (Vale of Leven) 74, 77, 76. **228:** A O'Sullivan (Monkstown) 74, 77, 77. **229:** M Lokdahl (Swe) 76, 76, 77, L Educale (Calcot Park) 76, 81, 72

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama: Bruno's Memorial Senior Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): **208:** J Baird 67, 70, 71 (won in play-off), J P Carr 69, 70, 69; K Zarley 72, 68, 69. **209:** I Aoki 70, 69, 70, 71; H Irwin 72, 70, 69; G Marsh (Aus) 70, 69, 72. **Other scores: 213:** C Peete 77, 67, 69. R Floyd 73, 69, 71. **214:** T Wenskopf 75, 71, 68. **215:** R Charles (NZ) 74, 72, 69; A Jacklin (GB) 72, 70, 73. **217:** L Trevino 74, 72, 71. **219:** A Palmer 75, 74, 70. **219:** G Player (SA) 76, 71, 72

GLIDING

RYSKALA, Finland: European championships: First day: Open (280km quad) 16 completions of 17. 1, J Comka (Pol) ASW22BL, 104.5kph, 672pts. 2, R Back (Ger) Nimbus 3, 96.96, 754. 3, P Harvey (GB) ASW22, 96.05, 740. 4, S Wujczak (Pol) ASH25, 95.5, 732. 15 metre (563.1km quad) 27 completions of 32. 1, A Kay (GB) Ventus 2, 91.84, 948. 2, M Grand (Fr) Ventus, 91.3, 940. 3, F Hoyeau (Fr) Ventus 2, 89.5, 909. 4, M Dawson (GB) Ventus AWL 89.0, 901. 5, D Milos (Cz) Ventus 2, 88.8, 896. 6, J Trezcak (Pol) Std-56, 88.4, 891. Standard (234.1km quad) 34 completions of 38. 1, E Zeglor (Ger) LS-8, 93.02, 807. 2, H Ratzo (Ger) Discus B, 92.92, 805. 3, H Mees (Ger) LS-8, 92.83, 804. 4, R Schramm (Ger) Discus A 92.75, 803. 5, R Bristador (N) LS-8, 83.89, 669. 8 M Young (GB) Discus B 82, 640. 12, P Jeffery (GB) LS-8, 80.34, 625. 37, R Crenthum (GB) Discus, 62.8km, 91

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: TT races: Races postponed — rain

MOTOR RACING

WEST ALLIS, Wisconsin: Miller 200. 1, M Andretti (US, Lola) 1hr 33min 32.649sec, 2, A Unser Jr (US, Penske) at D 14.6sec, 3, P Tracy (Can, Penske), 4, E Fittipaldi (Br, Penske), 5, G Moore (Can, Reynard), same lap, 6, C Fittipaldi (Br, Lola) at 1lap

MOTOR RALLYING

ACROPOLIS RALLY: Leading positions after second day: 1, C McRae (GB), Subaru Impreza, 3hr 36min 11sec; 2, T Makinen (Fin), Mitsubishi Lancer, at 44sec; 3, C Sainz (Sp), Ford Escort RS, 1.34, 4, K Eriksson (Swe), Subaru Impreza, 2.31

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford 52 Workington 4, Halifax 33 Sheffield 30, London 28 Oldham 22, St Helens 52 Paris Saint-Germain 10. **First division:** Keighley 8 Salford 45. **Second division:** Chorley 16 Barrow 11; South Wales 8 Swinton 26.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Wairarapa Bush 18 Western Samoa XV 23 (at Masterton, New Zealand), Kansai President's XV 76 Barbarians 66 (at Kyoto, Japan)

LISBON: World Cup Sevens qualifying tournament: Quarter-finals: Portugal 7 Korea 19, New Zealand 45 Namibia 0, Romania 19 Ireland 31; Canada 19 Spain 26. **Semi-finals:** Ireland 21 Spain 24, Korea 0 New Zealand 26. **Final:** Spain 5 New Zealand 68. **Spring Cup: Quarter-finals:** Sweden 40 Georgia 5, Belgium 26 Moldova 0; Poland 33 Luxembourg 10; Ukraine 26 Latvia 7. **Semi-finals:** Poland 10 Ukraine 17, Sweden 24 Belgium 26. **Final:** Ukraine 28 Belgium 19

ROWING

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Goodbye to the young, free and single life

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

As I recall from my own days of communal living, sleeping with your flatmate's parents came pretty much at the top of the Probably Best Not To list — along with drinking the last of the orange juice. As for taking drugs with the grown-ups . . . well, it was a stiff gin and tonic and no further — assuming that somebody had remembered to buy tonic.

But enough of my small-minded scruples, my dated, middle-class inhibitions. Such narrow views have had no place in **This Life** (BBC2) and certainly not in the moral vacuum that was Anna's bedroom last night. Really there ought to have been a warning sign on the door — Abandon all hope, you who enter — but somebody had forgotten to buy that, too. Instead, Jerry (father of Egg) entered, abandoned his trousers and was lost, if not for ever then certainly until the next series.

Sadly, his decline and sprawl did not stop there. No sooner had Anna rolled over to light a cigarette (the role reversal is occasionally a little laboured), than this mismatched pair were off again, dancing the night away with the help of a little Ecstasy. "You'll either drop down dead or have the night of your life," said Anna, trampling the taboos and alienating an audience at a stroke. The ageing but game Jerry looked as if he might well manage both. Midlife crises were never like this.

In fact, I don't believe anything was ever much like this. Just as I don't believe that the capital's young, free and single have taken to rushing off to see therapists every five minutes. But this suspension of belief does not matter. Somehow in *This Life* it all works, and works extremely well.

Nudity, drugs, gay sex and lots and lots of bad language — its writers and directors have tackled television's greatest taboos and come up with a winning formula. *But it is a formula for something* they may not have altogether intended. Cleverly and bravely, the BBC gave us 11 weeks to get accustomed to the series' definition-defying style. It is not comedy, it is not drama and it definitely is not that horrible hybrid comedy-drama. But if the BBC was to commission, say, 26 episodes next time, what it might very well become is very superior, middle-class (foul-mouthed they may be, but they are all lawyers) soap opera.

The five principals have all been excellent, although the girls — Amita Dhiri as Milly and Daniela Nardini as Anna — have been helped by having the best of the storylines. As for the boys, Jason Hughes has been wonderfully engaging as Warren, the gay Welsh lawyer (a social grouping woefully under-represented on television) and Andrew Lincoln horribly convincing as the self-obsessed New Lad, Egg. As for Jack Davenport, who plays Miles, the token white, industrious, heterosexual, male . . . something more exciting than lunch with his father needs to happen in the next series. Having said that, I'm not sure it needs to be quite as exciting as Anna.

After two series, the producers of **Bramwell** (ITV) finally decided that something exciting needed to happen to Dr Eleanor Bramwell if they were to get a third, *So Eleanor* went to the seaside, where, amid the palm courts and string quartets, she experienced not so much a rush of blood as a loss of character. "She wouldn't do that," we all said, as she planted a smacker firmly on the lips of that silver-tongued charmer, Dr Finn O'Neill. "She certainly wouldn't do that," we said, as she entertained him in her best nightie. "Oh, Eleanor . . ." we whispered, as her virtue was consigned to history.

Oh Eleanor, indeed. Her father threw her out of the house and it quickly emerged that she had fallen for a wrong 'un, a rogue as free with his excuses as he was with his fly-buttons. There was this small matter of being named in a nasty divorce, he explained, so perhaps their engagement ought to be postponed. A few months wouldn't matter. "It does at my age," railed our fallen heroine. "It does when a woman might be pr . . ."

"What are you saying?" asked O'Neill. Oh for goodness sake, I thought we'd got all that sorted out in *Peak Practice*.

She wasn't, thankfully, but O'Neill, whom her father had already taken to describing as "that bloody Irishman", was about to come up with a concrete excuse, anyway. He was going to America to take up a job that conveniently paid him so little she couldn't possibly go with him. And that was pretty much that — it was melodramatic, it was more than a tad unconvincing (Bramwell and the dour Marsham swapping tales of pre-marital sex over the operating table? I think not), but it did make a nice change from all the normal blood and guts.

For aficionados of the scientific documentary it proved a disappointing evening, which was a shame as there are not many nights when there are two on. **Astronauts** (Channel 4) showed that access is not everything. Nasa may have invited a film unit in to follow the crew of the 72nd shuttle mission, but it had not provided much of a story. I started a countdown to the inevitable footage of the ill-fated Challenger mission. Ten minutes and counting seemed about right. It was. Houston, I think we have a problem with this one.

The problem for Professor Steve Jones, as **In the Blood** (BBC2) moved on to the hunt for a criminal gene, was a rather simpler one. *Big Science*, another BBC2 series, had pretty much covered the same, lawyer-littered ground last year: ethics, enzymes and everything. Not so much in the blood as in the archives.

6.00am Business Breakfast (21926)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (52297) **9.00 News Extra** (Ceefax) (2651549) **9.20 Morning Surgery** (1318452)
9.50 FILM: Over the Hill (1991) With Olympia Dukakis. An American widow visits her daughter in Australia. Directed by George Miller (38925013)
11.40 Even More of Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave (r) (6606655)
12.00 News (Ceefax) (75)1162)
12.05pm Eat Your Words (s) (4281641) **12.35 Going for Gold** (s) (4359758) **1.00 News** (Ceefax) (55384) **1.30 Regional News** (72026549) **1.40 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (35187617)
2.00 FILM: Penny Gold (1973) With Francesca Annis and James Booth. A dispute over a rare stamp leads to a woman's murder. Directed by Jack Cardiff (69365)
3.30 Playdays (1355636) **3.50 The Silver Brumby** (1368100) **4.10 Dennis the Menace** (1768928) **4.35 Out of Tune** (5351839) **5.00 Newsround** (7018367) **5.10 Activ-8** (1241162)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (282542)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (891)
6.30 Regional News magazines (471)
7.00 2point4 Children Rona is in danger of losing her home and only her deceased mother can save it (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5075)
7.30 EastEnders. Tex and Sarah come to blows (Ceefax) (s (655)
8.00 Wildlife on One Samia, a ten-year-old pregnant black rhino, has been returned to the wild after being abandoned by her mother (Ceefax) s) (4723)
8.30 Funny World. Barbara Windsor with comic clips on food and drink (6758)
9.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4568)
9.30 Flying Soldiers: Solo. (3/6) The pressure on the recruits is increased when they are pit at the controls of £1m army helicopter with just five hours to master the basis and lly solo (Ceefax) (s) (33029) **WAES: 9.30** Week In Week Out (33029) **:0.00** Flying Soldiers (13723) **10.30** Cardiac Arrest (22471) **11.00** Marilyn Monroe — Say Goodbye to the President (82487) **12.25am** FILM: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (743056) **2.10** Weather (101890)
10.00 Cardiac Arrest: The Holy Triad. Hospital drama. An ethical dilemma involving a young Jehovah's Witness sets Andrew and Caire on collision course (Ceefax) (s) (1323) **N.L: 10.00** Room for Improvement **10.30** Cardiac Arrest **11.00** Marilyn Monroe: Say Goodbye to the President **12.25am** FILM: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof **2.10** Weather
10.30 CHOICE Marilyn Monroe: Say Goodbye to the President (4410075)
11.55 FILM: Cat on : Hot Tin Roof (1958) with Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman. Film version of Tennessee Williams's stage play about a dying patriarch and his family who swarm to his side, sniffing out his fortune and creating a strong whiff of mendacity in the process. Directed by Richard Brooks (342742)
1.40am Weather (*119308)

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6.00am Open University: Space and Time: Through the Looking Glass (6892839) **6.25** Global Sea-Level (6871346) **6.50** Synthesis of a Drug (3368100)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3001655)
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (1312520) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7730433) **8.20 Oakie Doke** (7971167) **8.30 Philbert the Frog** (6425549) **8.40 Star Trek** (r) (7221097)
9.05 The Limit (s) (8492278) **9.45 Watch** (s) (9088433) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (2272029) **10.25 Come Outside** (5726013) **10.40 Lifeschool** (8888029) **11.05 Space Ark** (4181520) **11.15 Writing and Pictures** (9778023) **11.30 Ghostwriter** (3075) **12.00 See Hear!** (10636) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (48907) **1.00 Teaching Today** (53926) **1.30 Showcase** (72011891) **1.40 Hotch Potch House** (35281487) **2.00 Oakie Doke** (73027433)
2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (8744029)
3.00 News (Ceefax) (4995891) **3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross** (Ceefax) (s) (4205384) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) (2835510)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (384) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (568) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4646433) **5.40 The Ladies of the House: Edwina Currie MP** (643487)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (660051)
6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (227346)
7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Ceefax) (s) (670907)
7.30 Public Property: Philippe Starck. A series looking at whether the top names in building design can transform neglected parts of Britain (Ceefax) (s) (297)



Woolley meets the Abeytas (8.00pm)

8.00 The Works. Ben Woolley takes a look at how the Disney Corporation are now realising Walt Disney's 1950s dream of building a high-tech town of tomorrow. Celebration in Florida will house 20,000 people including the Abeyta family, and have a chic downtown area designed by the world's leading architects (2365)
8.30 Floyd on Africa. The gregarious gastronome winds up his tour of southern Africa on the banks of the Zambezi River, among the celebrated South African vineyards, and on top of Table Mountain (Ceefax) (s) (4100)
9.00 Murder One: Chapter Fourteen. Valacek finds a videotape that weakens Richard Cross's alibi (Ceefax) (s) (809075)
9.45 CHOICE I'll Just See If He's In (Ceefax) (s) (814568)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (182891)
11.15 Moving Pictures. In-depth movie magazine (Ceefax) (s) (707384)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (93786)
12.30am The Learning Zone

CHOICE

False Economy: Making It Work
Channel 4, 9.00pm

You have read the book, now watch the series. The journalist Will Hutton is the author of *The State We're In*, a fierce attack on the Conservative free market which, surprisingly for a densely argued work of economics, became a best-seller. In *False Economy* Hutton transfers his ideas to the screen, beginning with his formulation of the "40 30 30" society. His argument is that 17 years of monetarism and deregulation have left only 40 per cent of the population in secure employment. The rest are split between those who are anxious about their jobs or have no work. Hutton says this is economically wasteful and socially divisive. The film shows him putting his case in a hectic round of lectures, broadcasts, discussions and newspaper articles. He, at least, is firmly among the 40 per cent.

I'll Just See If He's In
BBC2, 9.45pm

The message of the previous programme in this diverting series was a depressing one: once a secretary always a secretary. But that was in the past. More recently there have been striking cases of upward mobility and this film highlights five of them. Betty was a secretary for 20 years, the last four of them in the service of a particularly hot-tempered and demanding boss. It is the boss's own description and she is Baroness (better known as Barbara) Castle. A taste of the political world inspired Betty Boothroyd to become an MP. She is now the Speaker of the House of Commons. The other four have risen no less spectacularly. One is in charge of a regional health authority with an annual budget running into billions, two have their own companies and the other is a crime novelist. Madam Speaker says the shorthand and typing still come in handy.

Marilyn Monroe: Say Goodbye to the President
BBC1, 10.30pm

Had Marilyn Monroe lived, she would be celebrating her 70th birthday. To mark this non-anniversary, Christopher Olgiati's 1985 film is reshown with new material. For those who like prying into the private lives of the famous, it is a luridly fascinating story. Monroe was having affairs with both President Kennedy and his brother, Robert. That much seems clear. But Olgiati goes further. He says the Mafia, who hated both men, bugged their liaisons and threatened to make them public. Officially, Monroe committed suicide. Olgiati suggests it might have been murder. The trouble is that with all the main participants long since dead, Olgiati has to rely heavily on hearsay. His account may well be true, but little of it would stand up in a court of law.

Network First: HMP Dartmoor
ITV, 10.40pm

The cameras penetrate the grim Victorian prison for what is promised to be a "shocking and provocative" inside view. The commentary prepares us for the worst. We hear about slopping out, inmates dying in custody and the damning report of Judge Stephen Tumim. And yet the evidence presented here gives little support to critics who say that Dartmoor is too much about punishment and not enough about rehabilitation. A man serving life for two rapes is offered the chance of therapy. Violent inmates attend an anger control group, tutored by a psychologist. A burglar who fails to return from home leave is given a sympathetic hearing after his recapture. Most impressive of all is the tactful handling of a lifer who tries to get his way by threatening suicide.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7141297)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (1302891) **9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (2186278) **10.00 The Time . . . the Place** (s) (9108758)
10.35 This Morning (77356617)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7577346)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4272655)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4257346) **1.25 High Road** (Teletext) (7749013) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (72769079) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (r) (8647162)
3.20 News (Teletext) (4902181)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (4901452)
3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (6284297) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (3645636) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (s) (7885015) **3.55 Scooty and Co** (r) (1343891) **4.25 Animaniacs** (Teletext) (s) (5171704) **4.40 Chris Cross** (r) (Teletext) (s) (4083384)
5.10 The Dressing Up Show. Two brothers who share the same birthday three years apart are given a make-over by top stylists (3374297)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (567013)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (270487)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (508723)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (3471)
7.30 West Eye View. Richard Lyddon investigates the human cost of the construction of the Second Severn Crossing. (Teletext) (723)
8.00 The Bill. New recruit DS Geoff Daly is called in to help DC Skase when a straightforward drugs bust goes pear-shaped (Teletext) (s) (9891)
8.30 The Cook Report. Roger Cook is back on the trail of stalkers, paedophiles and foreign fishermen in a special update programme (s) (8926)
9.00 Frontiers (Part 1 of 2). Kirsten and Jarrati put their differences to one side when the body of a young cheerleader is discovered after a basketball match (Teletext) (s) (7907)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (10461)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (307723)



Life behind bars (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE Network First: HMP Dartmoor (382704)
11.40 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (415891)
12.35am FILM: The Execution (1985) with Loretta Swit, Jessica Walter and Rip Torn. Five Jewish women, who suffered at the hands of a Nazi doctor in Birkenau, set out to take their revenge when they discover he is now a successful LA restaurateur. Directed by Paul Wendkos (145312)
2.20 Late & Loud (s) (9982834) **3.20 The Chart Show** (r) (s) (7966489) **4.10 Murder, She Wrote** (r) (6952327)
5.00 Special Report (s) (80740)
5.30 Morning News (90921)

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 Yan Can Cook (3374297)
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (508723)
7.30-8.00 Bob and Brian Broadcasting. A look at the world of amateur television with Bob Robson and Brian Kelly (723)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25-12.30 My Story (7585365)
12.55 Emmerdale (4257346)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (59109636)
1.55 Home and Away (74873461)
2.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (79519556)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (9747471)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3374297)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (43452)
7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (723)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (415891)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (4257346)
1.25 Cross Wits (59109636)
1.55 A Country Practice (35184520)
2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle. How to lead a healthier lifestyle (78169015)
2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (8568013)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3374297)
6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (508723)
7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (723)
11.40 Film: The Chase (1991). A fact-based drama about the hunt for an escaped bank robber. Starring Casey Siemaszko, Ben Johnson and Gerry Bamman. Directed by Paul Wendkos (698433)
1.20am Late & Loud (1290414)
2.20 Funny Business (8112211)
2.50 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (6291785)
3.50 The Big Match - Replayed (9785308)
4.30 Jobfinder (5282056)
5.20 Asian Eye (8864679)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Emmerdale (4257346)
1.25 Home and Away (59109636)
1.55 Shortland Street (35184520)
2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (78169015)
2.50-3.20 Summer Painting (8588013)
5.10 Home and Away (3374297)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Making It Happen (759568)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (87)
6.30-7.00 Chartwell (839)
7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (723)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (415891)
5.00am Freescreen (80740)

S4C

Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (217013) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (324162) **12.00 House to House** (60984) **12.30 Madeline** (33075) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (48094) **1.30 The Gaby Roslin Show** (21487) **2.30 Scrimpers** (100) **3.00 Wild Britian** (6704) **3.30 Those British Faces** (617) **4.00 Beckdale** (452) **4.30 Waterways** (636) **5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5** (8549) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (190568) **6.15 Heno** (329758) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (392617) **7.25 Gwerin Ir Werin: Eryri** (603162) **8.00 Tair Ar Y Tl** (8013) **9.00 Broke!: False Economy** (5549) **10.00 Brookside** (857433) **10.35 The Boys of St Vincent** (26185433) **12.20am Frontline** (746143)

6.30am Chicken Minute (r) (17636)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (45907)
9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (25568)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (9085346) **9.45 Stop, Look, Listen** (9186029) **10.00 Fourways Farm** (8713549) **10.10 Co Sinn Is Carson?** (1455636) **10.30 The English Programme** (14452) **11.00 Science in Focus** (4780297) **11.20 Stage One** (9680810) **11.35 Schools at Work** (5431984) **11.40 GNVQ — Is It for You?** (8699365)
12.00 House to House (60984)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (20758) **1.30 Ovide** (57223182)
1.55 Big World Animators. A profile of the Oscar-winning Bruce Petty (39188520)
2.05 Waterways (r) (Teletext) (s) (85262839)
2.35 FILM: Dangerously They Live (1941, b/w) starring John Garfield and Raymond Massey. Second World War espionage drama directed by Robert Florey (Teletext) (5601655)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (452) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (636) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (7042452) **5.45 Terrytoons** (831100)
6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (41094)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (727181)
7.55 The Slot (640926)
8.00 Human Jungle. In our high-tech cities we now live more closely crammed than ever before. Tonight's programme explores how we have adapted to living in such close proximity to each other. Why do we all have an invisible area of "personal space" extending 18 inches around our bodies? How do we protect it? And what happens if this space is invaded? (Teletext) (s) (7433)
8.30 Brookside. Has Lindsay pushed Mike over the edge? The bullying continues for Danny (Teletext) (s) (8568)
9.00 Broke!: False Economy. A three-part look at the growing problem of poverty (Teletext) (s) (5549)



Communion girl Phoenix (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Raining Stones (1993) with Bruce Jones, Julie Brown and Gemma Phoenix. An award-winning and funny story of a man who is prepared to do anything to keep his family fed. Directed by Ken Loach (Teletext) (s) (584471)
11.40 Blue Heaven. A comedy series written by and starring Frank Skinner as the leader of a pop group (r) (s) (762471)
12.15am World League Football. Action from the Pan-European World League of American Football (s) (2724056)
12.50 FILM: Smile (1975) starring Bruce Dern. A documentary-style drama about the staging of a beauty pageant in a small California town. Directed by Michael Ritchie. (530679). Ends at **2.50**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (98013) 9.00 Press Your Luck (8674159) **9.20** Ione Connection (10677704) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6790988) **10.40** Jeopardy! (1603891) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (4211013) **12.00** *Sightings (58810)* **12.30pm** *Murphy Brown* (98181) **1.00** Hotel (81826) **2.00** Geraldo (52723) **3.00** Court TV (9310) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5301109) **4.15** Undun (6287815) **5.00** Quantum Leap (3902) **6.00** *The Simpsons* (7181) **6.30** Jeopardy! (6433) **7.00** LAPD (1891) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4617) **8.00** Jag (11891) **9.00** The X-Files (31655) **10.00** Quantum Leap (74742) **11.00** Highlander (85549) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2511969) **12.45am** Civil Wars (6403230) **1.30** Anything But Love (96308) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (2671330)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7007029) **9.30** Fashion TV (57471) **10.30** ABC Nightline (65100) **11.00** *World News and Business* (902704) *1.30pm CBS News This Morning* (36407) **2.30** Parliament Live (3771520) **3.15** Parliament Live Continued (8142758) **5.00** Live at Five (42365) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (66618) **7.30** Sportsline (25297) *8.30 Target* (188297) **11.30** CBS Evening News (75487) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (31969) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (64563) **2.30** Target (86360) **3.30** Parliament Replay (98105) **4.30** CBS Evening News (48740) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (32921)

SKY MOVIES

9.20am King Kong (1933) (17087617) **11.00 Son of Kong (1933)** (43075) **10.00 Snoopy, Come Home (1972)** (97297) **12.00 Harper Valley PTA (1978)** (66926) **2.00pm Clean Slate (1994)** (25094) **4.00 Best Shot (1988)** (5094) **6.00 The Air Up There (1994)** (18758) **8.00 Clean Slate (1994)** (17075) **10.00 Back in the USSR (1991)** (65452) **11.30 Even Cowgirls Get the Blues (1994)** (238075) **1.10am The New Age (1994)** (6075C)) **3.00 Real Men (1987)** (2541562) **4.25-6.00 Harper Valley PTA (1978)** (225018)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Run for Cover (1955) (87568) *2.00pm Lady in the Dark (1944)* (42566) **4.00 Horse Feathers (1932)** (76361) **6.00 Come Fill the Cup (1951)** (101001) **8.00 Jaws 3 (1983)** (96617) **10.00 Coming to America (1988)** (61346) **12.00 Hellraiser (1987)** (4260371) *1.35am-3.50 Not as a Stranger (1955)* (86503872)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am 3:10 to Yuma (1957) (47636) **8.00 King Solomon's Mines (1986)** (52013) **9.00 A Christmas Carol (1979)** (83078) **10.00 The Three Musketeers (1939)** (95839) **12.00 Pure Country (1992)** (64583) **2.00pm Holiday on the Buses (1973)** (23676) **4.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Valley of Fear (1983)** (43570) **5.00 The Garden (1994)** (6100) **6.00 The Other Woman (1995)** (71487) **7.30 Special Feature (1995)** (2605) **8.00 The Paper (1994)** (15617) **10.00 Demolition Man (1993)** (30433) **11.55 Geminal (1995)** (21857907) **3.05am Hollywood Madam (1994)** (53144(4) **4.35-6.00 The Three Musketeers (1939)** (1501595)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
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EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (84452) **9.00** Swimming (21452) **10.00** Duathlon (16704) **11.00** Tennis (47497828) **7.00pm** Boxing (27549) **9.00** Tennis (62549) **10.00** Football (65636) **11.00-12.30am** Snooker

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Windsurfing Tour (72617) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (79620) **8.30** Racing Nexus (62529) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (98101) **9.30** TT Races 125 GP (73617) **10.30** Icons of Speed and Beauty (42364) **11.00** Squash: Al Ahram International - Egypt (33100) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (34567) **12.30pm** Windsurfing Tour (619237) **1.00** Over 35's Soccer Tournament (59152) **2.00** Tai Pei Bowling Jersey Open (94252) **4.00** NASCAR Supertrucks (43925) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation — Mania (6389) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (534471) **6.05** Sky Sailing (2907474) **6.30** Grand Slam Badminton (7469075) **8.00** Over 35's Soccer Tournament (60131) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (433829) **10.15** Grand Slam Badminton Continued (7563109) **12.00** Asian Football Show (93766) **1.00am-2.00** Over 35's Soccer Tournament (41476)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm FA Cup Classics: The 70s Collection — Sunderland v Leeds 1973 (8297742) **11.30** The Golden Age of Motor Racing (9181284) **12.30am-1.00** Boxing: Sweet and Glory (2194756)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Rise To **4.30** Jack Hunter Presents **5.00** Voice of Victory with Families and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Chronicles of Revival with Rodney Howard-Browne **6.15** Power for Living with Colin Dye **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (4958220) **7.55** As the World Turns (1582617) **8.50** Peyton Place (2681359) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (7336452) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (4995452) **11.30** Trailblazers (4996181) **12.00** Monarchs (4875452) **12.30pm** Rising Stars (3975278) **1.00** Getaways (7134471) **1.30** Fly (3545458) **2.00** Discover America (4157761) **3.00** Globetrotter (4207758) **3.30** Around the World (9758162) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Snap (3765316)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Massacre at Normandy (4987524) **5.00** Conquest of Everest 1953 (4138810) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Jules Verne



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7.00pm The Fantastic Journey (8836229) **8.00** Flight Time in the Days (9449618) **9.30** Robotech (2548742) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Sci-Fi Film Diner Man (2224104) **2.00-4.00** FILM: SSSSSS

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (6310446) **9.30** Style Your Greens (1354278) **10.00** Dogs and Cooker (2653452) **10.30** The Life Model with Steve and Norm (5412758) **11.00** Homemaker (6561704) **11.30** Room Service (8564426) **12.00** Julia Child (6239404) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7881794) **1.00** Fan Can Cook (5675473) **1.30** Furniture to Go (1357365) **2.00** Our House (1358152) **2.30** The Garden Show (6213742) **3.00** It's a Living (7314967) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (6273487)

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PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (1487) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight (6487) **8.00** Due South (51487) **9.00** Soap (30452) **9.30** Taxi (72013) **10.00** Entertainment (33907) **10.30** Bosom Buddies (41655) **11.00** Working Stiffs (42297) **11.30** Sledgehammer (91636) *12.00 Odd Couple (84308)* **12.30am** Wings (60230) **1.00** Due South (49018) **2.00** Entertainment (77389) **2.30** Bosom Buddies (89124) **3.00** Working Stiffs (72281) **3.30-4.00** Sledgehammer (70476)

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4.00pm Time Travellers (6284094) **4.30** Human Nature (6280278) **5.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (7319743) **5.30** Pirates (6377758) **6.00** Science Detectives (6294471) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (4480162) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (6281907) **8.00** Building for Earthquakes: Azimuth (9125278) **9.00** Battlefield (9138742) **10.00** Victor — Last of the V Force (9211029) **11.00-12.00** Killer Quake (5686452)

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12.00 Robin Hood (8327636) **12.30pm** *William Tell* (1345539) **1.00** Jason Jung (1340075) **2.00** The Wild Wild West (2658907) **3.00** The Saint (6060075) **4.00** FILM: Electric Dreams (7312639) **6.00** The Green Hornet (6298297) **6.30** The Persuaders (4484986) **7.30** Dangerous Man (6278433) **8.00** The Prisoner (9112704) **9.00** Mammal (9567128) **10.25-12.00** FILM: The Punisher (8745636)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (3251839) **7.00** Esther (2460471) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (3564433) **8.30** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (6340902) **9.00** A Taste of Wales (4863265) **9.25** Kate and Allie (7393758) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (7222128) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (2988907) **11.55** Brookside (8096636) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (3069015) **1.25** Castroworld (4582988) **2.00** Agony Hour (1788346) **3.00** Live at Three (6851655) **4.00** Intabubon UK (7737891) *4.30 Crossants (8796297)* **5.05** Lingo (53276617) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7757655) **6.00** Bewitched (7754568) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (7738520) **7.00** Brookside (2681297) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (5074013) **8.00** Street Legal (1583998) **9.00** FILM: The Pleasure Principle (67284013) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (9399988) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (2446891)

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Venables says players will share responsibility for damage to Cathay Pacific plane

FA decision courts complacency

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

LET us pray that the majority of the 250,000 people said to be coming to the motherland of football to share our atonement after all the years of shame, did not arrive early. Any of them who were in the country yesterday will know that, in the same hour, tragedy and farce revisited the national sport.

In a courtroom, £1.2 million was paid to 14 policemen who suffered "psychiatric damage" during the Hillsborough tragedy seven years ago. In another chamber, the Football Association (FA) was trying to whitewash the reputation of the England players and their behaviour on the flight home from their trip to China and Hong Kong.

The law's compensation for officers is a matter for news pages. That leaves us, with sporting inclinations, to try to deal with values that should be altogether more innocent: the pursuit of nothing more than excellence on the field and behaviour becoming the pride of the country's athletes.

Alas, Lancaster Gate has done it again. The fathers of the FA tell us that Terry Venables, the coach responsible for 27 adult footballers, has now spent several hours, both on Sunday night and yesterday morning, holding his own court with players alleged to have smashed two video screens and wrecked a table on a Cathay Pacific jet.

"Three of the players were very angry that they have taken the blame publicly — and without justification they believe — for the reported damage on the aeroplane," Venables said. "They told me they are seeking legal advice for compensation for harm to their reputations." He added that most of the other players appeared to be totally unaware of any problems on the flight, but that the entire England squad have now accepted collective responsibility for what happened.

"The matter is now being dealt with internally," Venables added, "financial penalties will be imposed. The players express their sincere regret for the incident."

It appears the hierarchy of the FA are satisfied with this. No names, no pack drill, the English players whose drunken behaviour in a Hong Kong nightclub have spawned lurid photographs have got away with it.

There is more, the heavy threat of legal recourse by the players who protest their innocence. This, no doubt the FA hope, will put the press hounds off the scent for at least the duration of the European championship. We have a problem. Anyone who works with lawyers knows that to brand a whole group of players with the sins of the few could itself lead to court action. And, sure enough, last night Steve McManaman issued, through a firm of solicitors Harbottle & Lewis, this statement: "Some reports have incorrectly linked my name to the damage caused to the Cathay Pacific aircraft. These allegations are completely untrue and the Football Association have acknowledged that I played no part in the incident. I am currently seeking legal advice to clear my name and reputation."

So, no heavy fine for McManaman? The other 25 alleged celebrants of Paul Gascoigne's 29th birthday party, may have to chip in just a little more, though of course the FA will not tell us the scale of their fines.

The inference is that this is private, internal business. When will those who purport to administer this marvellous game realise that the heady profits they reap have turned football into the most public of businesses. Incidents that besmirch the reputation of England worldwide, and believe me nothing is a greater catalyst for that than the game which from Saturday onwards will transmit our country to 194 other nations.

Let us pray that there are no more policemen put in a position of trauma, no more deaths, no more fingers pointed at stupidly irresponsible professionals.

It is a forlorn prayer. When the original incident broke, the BBC interviewed Eric Hall, that football agent who declares himself friends with Venables, garrulously stating that his client Dennis Wise was not involved, but "a player integral to England's cause," was. Yesterday two former captains of England, Terry Butcher and Emlyn Hughes took to the airwaves. Butcher insisted that everyone was over-reacting, that this or something similar had happened four days before England's 1990 World Cup venture, and that it all helped to "bond" the lads.

And later, a stamp dealer from San Marino, Walter Giardi, added to the sorry tale by insisting that he met England's players on a night out in Peking's Hard Rock Cafe, and that the vulgarity and drunkenness of some of them so appalled him that he gave back a shirt with the England team players names on it. "I didn't want to be associated with them," he said.

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RICHARD KERR

Robbie Fowler, right, watched by Paul Ince, centre, and Jamie Redknapp practises his iron-play at the team headquarters yesterday

A differing Storrie

CONFLICTING reports yesterday clouded the proposed £2.7 million move of Florin Raducioiu, the Romania and Español forward, to West Ham United (Russell Kempson writes). Peter Storrie, the West Ham managing director, claimed that his club had secured an option on signing the player; Raducioiu said that he knew nothing about the deal.

Storrie watched Romania beat Moldavia 3-1 in their final warm-up game before Euro 96 at the weekend and spoke with Raducioiu's advisers. "Florin has been injured and we wanted to check on him," Storrie said. "Subject to him proving his fitness, we have an agreement with Español." However, after arriving in England yesterday with the Romania squad, Raducioiu, 26, said: "I haven't spoken to West Ham."

IRELAND (to play Holland in Rotterdam tonight) S Given (Blackburn Rovers), G Breen (Birmingham City), A Kernaghan (Manchester City), I Harte (Leeds United), J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers), T Phelan (Chelsea), A McLaughlin (Portsmouth), L O'Brien (Tranmere Rovers), A Moore (Middlesbrough), A Cascarino (Marseilles), D Connolly (Watford)

England play guessing game with pursuers

Oliver Holt joins the media posse chasing the day's biggest story

They knew three had been accused, so the England players sent three out. They sat in the back of a team mini-bus with plastic bags over their heads, slits cut for the eyes and nose, their sides shaking with laughter as they were driven past the clutch of camera crews waiting at the entrance to their hotel. The message was clear: they had been made to feel like criminals.

All day, they had been pursued by a small gaggle of film crews and reporters eager to observe them as the country waited for Terry Venables's verdict on their behaviour on that flight home from Hong Kong. Sightings of any of the 22 players were collected with the fervour usually reserved for children trying to complete a group of stickers for an album. Nobody, though, managed a full set.

> 'The van was gone, its occupants' identities still secret'

After their grilling from Venables on Sunday night, the squad travelled from their Buckinghamshire hotel to the training ground at Bisham Abbey, ten miles away. Their mode of transport was a coach of brilliant white. Once inside the security checkpoint, they trained in privacy behind protective screens. These were also white. Purity and innocence was conveyed. Conversations with the media were out of the question, although there is a media session today.

At lunchtime, they returned to their hotel and began a few playful games of golf. Stuart Pearce and Steve Stone were first up, chipping over the garden furniture on the front lawn and laying their shots up on the grass tennis court. Then, both the Nottingham Forest players left in one of the blue, red and white vans, presumably for the plush golf club nearby.

Soon after, Tony Adams, a man not known for his dexterity behind the wheel, emerged at the front gate where the media were restrained behind a chain in his Jaguar and promptly grounded it on the pavement as he left, making a horrible grating sound. Ten minutes later, he was back, the adventure over.

There was more excitement when Robbie Fowler and his Liverpool colleague, Jamie Redknapp, appeared on the impromptu driving range. When Paul Ince joined them, the cameras went into overdrive. They indulged in a spot of pitch and putt and Redknapp even obliged his observers by hugging the striker.

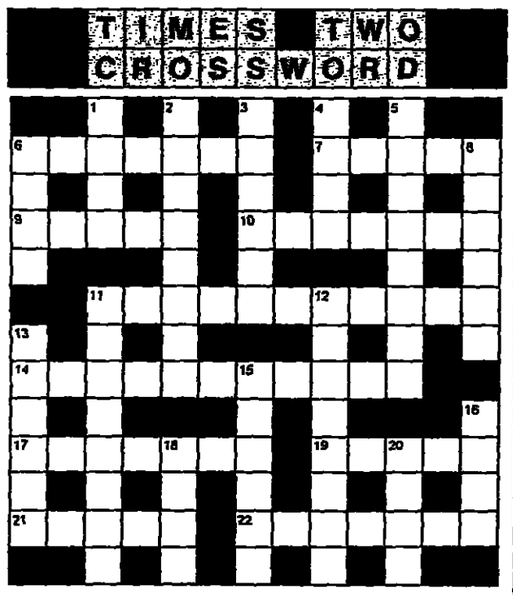
Fowler juggled a golf ball on his club with almost the same aplomb with which he slams in goals, but, just as they seemed to be warming up, they disappeared back inside the luxury hotel that the team has commandeered exclusively for the month. A company called Resolution Security is guarding the grounds with such assiduousness it can only inspire their charges.

A few minutes after the golfers had retired, the bus bearing the hooded players drove away. An hour after that, Graham Kelly and Noel White left too, after their meeting with Venables. Only when Peace and Stone had been brought back in one of the mini-buses did David Davies, the Football Association spokesman, saunter down the drive to relay Venables's decision.

The reporters had been joined by then by curious local schoolchildren, who were told off by a man with Resolution for leaning their bikes against the white bus. About that time, a man from the BBC was told he would be arrested if he did not move his car. In the uproar that followed, the van carrying the players who had left with the plastic bags on returned, its cargo now hoodless. By the time everyone realised what was happening, it was too late. The van was gone, its occupants' identities still secret. The guilty men had slipped through the net again.

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Return to The Belfry stymies Ireland's Ryder Cup hopes

JOHN HOPKINS



Golf Correspondent

THE news that the Ryder Cup is to return to The Belfry, near Birmingham, in 2001 is a comfortable and cosy decision. In political terms it is like recalling a party stalwart with a safe pair of hands to fill a Cabinet post that suddenly falls vacant.

The decision is, nonetheless, depressing and unambitious. The immediate reactions of many who do not share the Ryder Cup committee's enthusiasm for the site are these: Is there nowhere else to go? And is The Belfry hogging it a bit? The 2001 event will be the fourth Ryder Cup to be staged there in 11 years.

There is no shortage of clubs and countries prepared to stage what has become one of the leading team events in all sport. Sweden is one and Germany another. It is, after all, a team representing Europe and has been since 1979. Muirfield, in Scotland, was used in 1972, the only occasion so far a home Ryder Cup match has been staged outside England, and Valderrama, Spain, is the venue for the match next year.

The pre-eminent country that seems to have been overlooked, however, is Ireland, which was in the running for the 1993 event only to lose out in contentious circumstances. PGA European Tour officials wanted the Ryder Cup of that year to be held at Club de Campo in Madrid, while PGA officials wanted it to be staged at The Belfry. The stalemate was broken only when Lord Derby, who then had a foot in both camps, cast his crucial vote in favour of The Belfry.

Ireland was overshadowed by Valderrama for 1997, an overt gesture of thanks to Spain for the enormous contribution that country has made to the growth of golf in Europe, a fact that has now been underlined by the selection of Severiano Ballesteros as captain. Now Ireland has been elbowed aside once more.

Logistically, it is said that The Belfry is ideal. It has wonderful access and egress, good car parking, accommodation and space. Its Brabazon course has been considerably improved since it was first opened and a further £1 million, in addition to the £5 million spent on it down the years, is to be provided for improvements for the 2001 match. Sad to say, however, the Brabazon course is not one of the great golf courses in Britain, never mind Europe. It is not one of the great golf courses in England, never mind Britain. Indeed, to make a cheap crack, it is not even the best course in Birmingham. It has two outstanding holes, two amphitheatres of drama, and many forgettable ones. Now, a Ryder Cup at Portmarnock, with a couple of Irishmen in the side: what a prospect that would be.

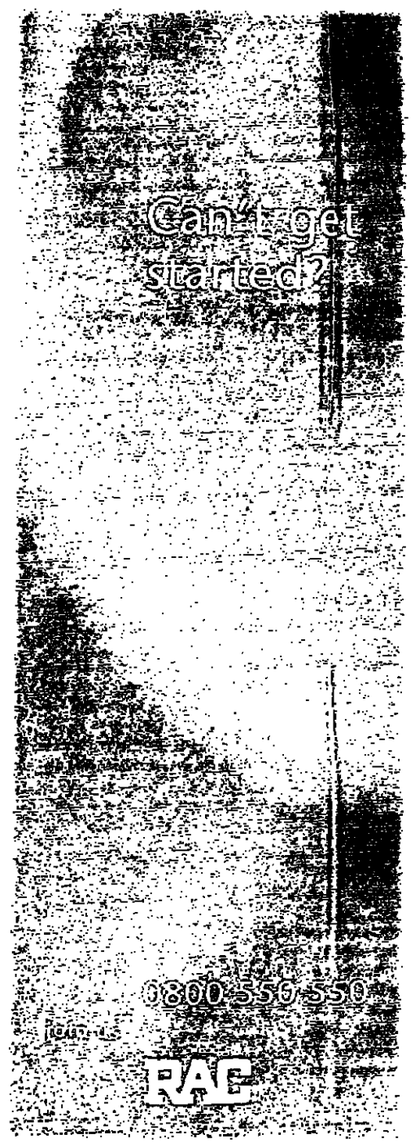
There is another aspect to all this, too. The Ryder Cup committee comprises six voting members, three from the PGA and three from the PGA European Tour. Not one is from mainland Europe. No matter how much the gentlemen concerned may deny it, it is hard to avoid the charge of a degree of isolationism, even though it is acknowledged that 2001 is the centenary of the PGA. The committee only took cursory looks at half a dozen sites — and did not invite tenders from any of them — before it decided unanimously that the most suitable venue was The Belfry.

Golf is a game of decisions. Do I hit this shot straight or try for a slight fade? Should I pitch my ball short of the green and let it run up or toss it aggressively at the flag? Some of the game's decisions are difficult, some easy. Deciding to play the ball as it lies is hard, to play preferred lies is easy. Carrying your clubs is hard, riding in a buggy for any reason other than a medical condition is easy. Two players completing a round of singles in 2½ hours is hard, in 3½ or four or more is easy. Taking the Ryder Cup back to Birmingham in 2001 is solid, unspectacular and entirely predictable.

It is the easy decision to have made, when the harder one would have been so much better.

☐ José María Olazábal, who has rheumatoid arthritis in both feet, will not return before the French Open at the end of the month. Although he is improving, he has pulled out from this week's English Open at the Forest of Arden and next week's US Open in Michigan.

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